

STATE OF MONTANA

# MITIGATION FUNDING RESOURCE GUIDE

Resources for federal, state, and non-governmental  
hazard mitigation support





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# WHAT IS MITIGATION?

Hazard mitigation planning reduces loss of life and property by minimizing the impact of disasters. It helps state, local, tribal, and territorial governments build resilience to future disaster events. Mitigation planning is thinking ahead and acting now to reduce loss later.

Mitigation planning has many benefits to communities including:

- Saving lives and property.
- Reducing risk from disasters.
- Allowing a speedier recovery after an event.
- Increasing capacity to manage disaster recovery.

There are a variety of different mitigation actions that support resiliency in communities. The resources provided in this guide are organized by the following Resilience Sectors identified in the 2020 Colorado Resiliency Framework:

**Community:** Resources that address land use and planning, smart growth, floodplain management, emergency management, mitigation, governance, capabilities, and culture.

**Economic:** Resources that are for small business, agriculture, tourism, commercial environment, jobs, and diversity.

**Health and Social:** Resources that increase access to services or address social vulnerabilities and physical and psychological health.

**Historic and Cultural:** Resources that address historical and cultural preservation.

**Housing:** Resources for affordable housing, accessibility, housing options, durable materials, energy efficiency, and insurance.

**Infrastructure:** Resources that address transportation, green infrastructure, water, wastewater, solid waste, energy, communications, and public facilities.

**Watershed and Natural Resources:** Resources for the environment, streams, water quality and capacity, and natural habitats.

**Please note that some resources may cover one, multiple, or all resilience categories.**

FEMA's resource, Mitigation Ideas: A Resource for Reducing Risk to Natural Hazards, has additional ideas and actions to reduce risk. For more information on mitigation planning, visit <https://www.FEMA.gov/mitigation>. For more information on mitigation in Montana, visit <https://des.mt.gov>.

# PURPOSE OF THE GUIDE

FEMA Region 8 works to advance mitigation actions across the region's six states and 29 tribal nations. Advancing mitigation action is not easy and requires significant, varying resources. These resources may include grants, loans, technical assistance, and in-kind services, among others. Recognizing the many funding programs that exist across various federal agencies and organizations, this guide was developed to compile this information and make it accessible to those who want to advance mitigation action in their communities.

The purpose of this Mitigation Funding Resource Guide is to provide a spectrum of potential mitigation funding sources to support individuals, local and state officials, and other stakeholders in determining the best source(s) of funding and technical assistance for potential mitigation projects. For more information on available grants, visit [www.grants.gov](http://www.grants.gov).

This guide is intended to be updated on a regular basis to reflect changes to the identified programs, and the inclusion or removal of programs, as needed. This is meant to be a living document.

**This guide was last updated in August 2022 and is a work in progress.**

# HOW TO USE THE GUIDE


Each resource has its own page and is organized in the format below with category descriptions in italics:


[RESILIENCE CATEGORY]


[OPPORTUNITY NAME]

**OVERVIEW:** A brief description of the opportunity.

Organization	Organization providing the opportunity.
Resource Type	Determines whether the resource is a loan, grant, tax relief, multiple types, or other.
Type of Assistance	The type of assistance available, such as financial assistance or technical assistance.
Eligible Applicants	A brief description of who is eligible for the opportunity.
Activity Guidance	A brief description of what activities are eligible or ineligible for the resource.
Available Funding	Amount of funds available.
Cost Sharing	Whether the applicant will need to provide funds as a match.
Website	Main webpage for the opportunity.
Contact	Point of contact for opportunity.

 **FOR:**  
*Intended applicant.  
Examples include  
individual, local or state  
government, nonprofit, etc.*

 **PRE-/POST-DISASTER:**  
*Whether for, before,  
or after a disaster.  
Whether for, before,  
or after a disaster.  
Whether for, before,  
or after a disaster.*

 **FOCUS:**  
*Focus area(s) of  
opportunity. Examples  
include mitigation,  
conservation, water quality,  
resilience, etc., or specific  
hazard, if applicable.*

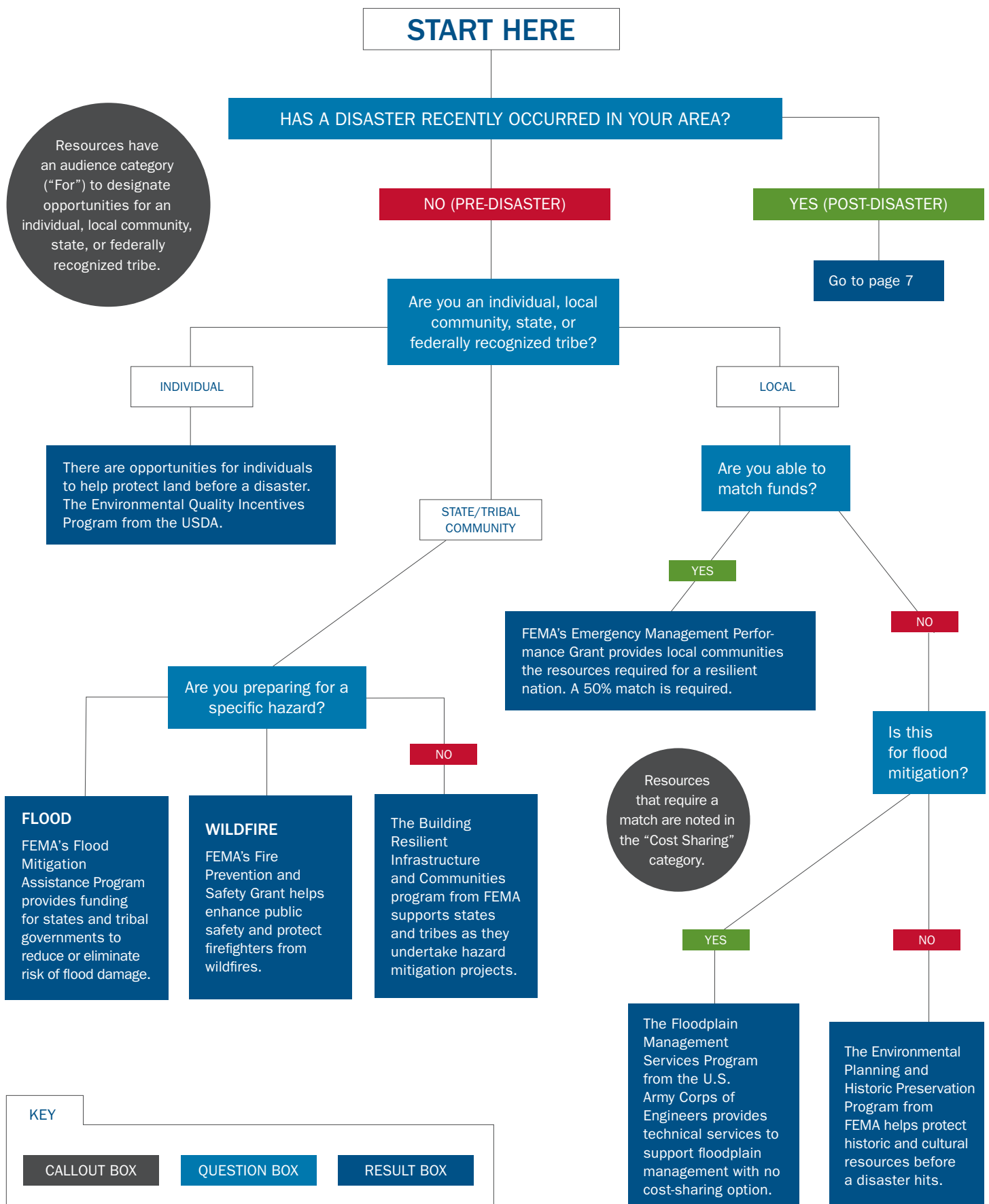
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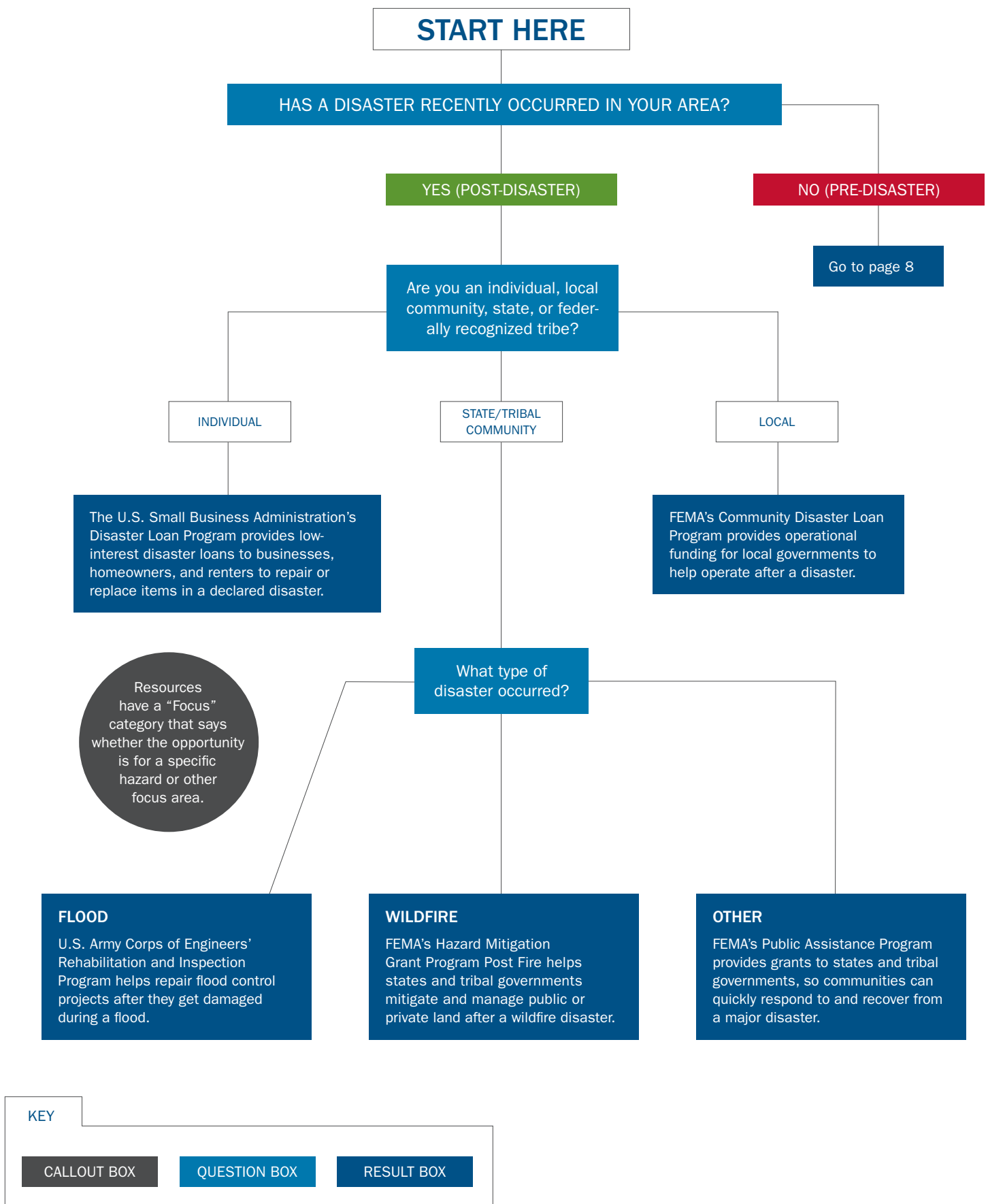
FEMA's Mitigation Funding Resource Guide includes a variety of categories to help you find the resource right for you. Additionally, resources are individually tagged by specific categories that you may be looking for, including audience; pre- or post-disaster; and focus. You can find these tags at the bottom of the resource page to help you quickly find ones that may apply to you.

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# COMMUNITY FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES

## CLIMATE SOLUTIONS UNIVERSITY

**OVERVIEW:** Climate Solutions University is a program by the Model Forest Policy Program to help communities through a strategic process to determine where a community is most vulnerable to climate change and what action(s) can be taken.

Climate Solutions University has helped leaders in over 33 communities across the U.S. take the following actions:

- Build public support for climate change initiatives.
- Develop leadership skills and organizational capacity.
- Calculate the value natural resources deliver to a region.
- Prioritize the risks climate change poses to local natural resources, people, and the economy.
- Identify public policy gaps and solutions.
- Engage with the most vulnerable citizens to discover how they are impacted by climate change.
- Create adaptive goals and action steps.
- Succeed with implementation challenges like fundraising, political support, outreach and engagement, monitoring and evaluation, and implementing climate considerations into the decision-making process.

<b>Organization</b>	Model Forest Policy Program
<b>Resource Type</b>	Other
<b>Type of Assistance</b>	Technical Assistance
<b>Eligible Applicants</b>	N/A
<b>Activity Guidance</b>	N/A
<b>Available Funding</b>	N/A
<b>Cost Sharing</b>	N/A
<b>Grant Cycle</b>	N/A
<b>Website</b>	<a href="http://www.mfpp.org/climate-solutions-university/">http://www.mfpp.org/climate-solutions-university/</a>
<b>Contact</b>	<a href="mailto:Info@mfpp.org">Info@mfpp.org</a>

**CASE STUDY:** In Fayetteville, North Carolina, the Sustainable Sandhills nonprofit organization led MFPP's 2015 Climate Solutions University planning process with the city of Fayetteville and Cumberland County. The resulting Cumberland County Climate Resiliency Plan specifically addressed the likelihood of increased precipitation, flooding, and damage to drinking water systems. In 2016, they used that information to update the [Cumberland Hoke Regional Hazard Mitigation Plan](#).



**FOR:**  
Local



**PRE-/POST-DISASTER:**  
Pre-Disaster



**FOCUS:**  
Resilience

## CONSERVATION EDUCATION SMALL GRANT PROGRAM

**OVERVIEW:** The Conservation Education Program is part of the Consolidated Payments Grant awarded to the Montana DNRC annually by the U.S. Forest Service State and Private Forestry. The intent of Conservation Education funds is to provide program assistance and outreach efforts to children (pre-K through 12th grade) and their educators in both classroom and informal settings.

<b>Organization</b>	Montana Department of Natural Resources and Conversation (DNRC)
<b>Resource Type</b>	Grant
<b>Type of Assistance</b>	Financial Assistance
<b>Eligible Applicants</b>	Eligible applicants include nonprofits, county or municipal governments, community groups, educational institutions, educators, or individuals.
<b>Activity Guidance</b>	<p>Funds will be awarded to proposals that contribute to meaningful outdoor nature education experiences for youth or increase and improve capacity of forestry professionals, volunteers, and partners to deliver quality educational experiences to their clients. Examples of appropriate uses of these funds include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Outdoor education activities for youth pre-K through 12th grade.</li> <li>▪ Facilitator training activities and associated costs.</li> <li>▪ Professional development in the field of conservation education.</li> <li>▪ Facilitation costs, meeting space, refreshments, and other expenses. Associated with hosting aforementioned activities or events.</li> <li>▪ Travel to and registration for training or professional development opportunities associated with conservation education.</li> </ul>
<b>Available Funding</b>	Awards will be capped at \$3,000, although the program manager may approve larger amounts on a limited basis.
<b>Cost Sharing</b>	The match required by state and private forestry is met through state contributions. However, applicants are encouraged to show a match from other sources to increase competitiveness of their proposal.
<b>Grant Cycle</b>	Continual
<b>Website</b>	<a href="http://dnrc.mt.gov/grants-and-loans">http://dnrc.mt.gov/grants-and-loans</a>
<b>Contact</b>	Erik Warrington at <a href="mailto:ewarrington@mt.gov">ewarrington@mt.gov</a>

**FOR:**

Individual, Local, Nonprofit

**PRE-/POST-DISASTER:**

Pre-Disaster

**FOCUS:**

Resilience

## ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT PLANNING ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

**OVERVIEW:** Provides essential investment support to district organizations, Native American organizations, states, sub-state planning regions, urban counties, cities and other eligible recipient to assist in planning.

<b>Organization</b>	U.S. Economic Development Administration
<b>Resource Type</b>	Grant
<b>Type of Assistance</b>	Financial Assistance
<b>Eligible Applicants</b>	District organizations, Indian tribes or consortia of tribes, state, county, city or other political subdivisions of a state, institutions of higher education, public or private nonprofit organizations or associations acting in cooperation with officials of a political subdivision of a state.
<b>Activity Guidance</b>	Eligible activities under this program include developing, maintaining, and implementing a Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS) and related short-term planning activities.
<b>Available Funding</b>	N/A
<b>Cost Sharing</b>	N/A
<b>Grant Cycle</b>	N/A
<b>Website</b>	<a href="https://www.eda.gov/programs/eda-programs/">https://www.eda.gov/programs/eda-programs/</a>
<b>Contact</b>	N/A

**FOR:**

Local, State, Tribal, Nonprofit

**PRE-/POST-DISASTER:**

Pre-Disaster

**FOCUS:**

Mitigation



## EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT PERFORMANCE GRANTS

**OVERVIEW:** The Emergency Management Performance Grant (EMPG) provides state, local, tribal and territorial emergency management agencies with the resources required for implementation of the National Preparedness System and works toward the National Preparedness Goal of a secure and resilient nation. The EMPG's allowable costs support efforts to build and sustain core capabilities across the prevention, protection, mitigation, response and recovery mission areas.

<b>Organization</b>	Federal Emergency Management Association (FEMA)
<b>Resource Type</b>	Grant
<b>Type of Assistance</b>	Financial Assistance
<b>Eligible Applicants</b>	State, local, tribal, and territorial emergency management agencies
<b>Activity Guidance</b>	Guidance can be found in the Preparedness Grants Manual: <a href="https://www.fema.gov/grants/preparedness/manual">https://www.fema.gov/grants/preparedness/manual</a>
<b>Available Funding</b>	\$405,100,000 for FY 2022
<b>Cost Sharing</b>	The recipient contribution can be cash (hard match) or third-party in-kind (soft match). Eligible EMPG program applicants shall agree to make available non-federal funds to carry out an EMPG award in an amount not less than 50 % of the total project cost.
<b>Grant Cycle</b>	Annual
<b>Website</b>	<a href="https://www.fema.gov/grants/preparedness/emergency-management-performance">https://www.fema.gov/grants/preparedness/emergency-management-performance</a>
<b>Contact</b>	Ted Young at <a href="mailto:ted.young@fema.dhs.gov">ted.young@fema.dhs.gov</a>

**FOR:**

Local, State, Tribal

**PRE-/POST-DISASTER:**

Pre-Disaster

**FOCUS:**

Capacity Building

## FEDERAL EXCESS PERSONAL PROPERTY PROGRAM

**OVERVIEW:** The program is administered by the U.S. Forest Service with delivery through the state forester. The Federal Excess Personal Property (FEPP) program reuses excess federal property obtained from the military and other federal sources for rural and wildland firefighting. This equipment is loaned by agreement to state foresters who can sub-loan it to local firefighting organizations.

The benefits of the FEPP program include:

- Enhances state and local fire protection capabilities by providing important equipment at a fraction of the cost of purchasing new or used.
- Complements the State Fire Assistance Program and the Volunteer Fire Assistance Program to improve the efficiency and effectiveness of fire protection across ownerships.
- Forest Service personnel can assist by identifying excess property that may be used by state and local fire organizations and by encouraging local fire departments to pursue needed equipment through this program.

<b>Organization</b>	U.S. Forest Service (USFS)
<b>Resource Type</b>	Loan
<b>Type of Assistance</b>	Financial Assistance, Technical Assistance
<b>Eligible Applicants</b>	Local firefighting organizations
<b>Activity Guidance</b>	N/A
<b>Available Funding</b>	N/A
<b>Cost Sharing</b>	N/A
<b>Grant Cycle</b>	N/A
<b>Website</b>	<a href="https://www.fs.usda.gov/managing-land/fire/fepp">https://www.fs.usda.gov/managing-land/fire/fepp</a>
<b>Contact</b>	Eugene Shepard at <a href="mailto:eshepard@mt.gov">eshepard@mt.gov</a>



**FOR:**  
Local, State



**PRE-/POST-DISASTER:**  
Pre-Disaster



**FOCUS:**  
Training/Equipment, Wildfire

## FIRE PREVENTION AND SAFETY GRANT PROGRAM

**OVERVIEW:** The Fire Prevention and Safety (FP&S) Grants are part of the Assistance to Firefighters Grants and support projects that enhance the safety of the public and firefighters from fire and related hazards. The primary goal is to reduce injury and prevent death among high-risk populations.

<b>Organization</b>	Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA)
<b>Resource Type</b>	Grant
<b>Type of Assistance</b>	Financial Assistance
<b>Eligible Applicants</b>	Eligible applicants for the FP&S Activity include fire departments, any federally recognized Indian tribe or tribal organization, and national, regional, state, local, tribal and nonprofit interest organizations that are recognized for their experience and expertise in fire prevention and safety programs and activities are eligible applicants. For more information: <a href="https://www.fema.gov/sites/default/files/documents/fema_fy-2020-fps-nofo.pdf">https://www.fema.gov/sites/default/files/documents/fema_fy-2020-fps-nofo.pdf</a>
<b>Activity Guidance</b>	Eligible activities include projects designed to reach high-risk target groups and mitigate the incidence of death and injuries caused by fire and fire-related hazards. The five project categories include community risk reduction; wildfire risk reduction; code enforcement/awareness; fire and arson investigation; and national/state/regional programs and projects.
<b>Available Funding</b>	There was \$35.5 million available for FY2020.
<b>Cost Sharing</b>	An applicant will agree to provide non-federal funds in an amount equal to and not less than 5% of the grant awarded.
<b>Grant Cycle</b>	Annual; Application period likely to open in fall
<b>Website</b>	<a href="https://www.fema.gov/grants/preparedness/firefighters/safety-awards#awards">https://www.fema.gov/grants/preparedness/firefighters/safety-awards#awards</a>
<b>Contact</b>	<a href="mailto:firegrants@fema.dhs.gov">firegrants@fema.dhs.gov</a> or 866-274-0960

**FOR:**

Local, State, Tribal, Nonprofit

**PRE-/POST-DISASTER:**

Pre-Disaster

**FOCUS:**

Wildfire



## FLOODPLAIN MANAGEMENT SERVICES PROGRAM

**OVERVIEW:** The Floodplain Management Services (FPMS) Program provides the full range of technical services and planning guidance that is needed to support effective floodplain management.

<b>Organization</b>	U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE)
<b>Resource Type</b>	Technical
<b>Type of Assistance</b>	Technical Assistance
<b>Eligible Applicants</b>	State, regional, and local governments, Indian tribes, and other non-federal public agencies.
<b>Activity Guidance</b>	<p>General technical assistance efforts under this program includes determining site-specific data on obstructions to flood flows, flood formation, and timing; flood depths, stages or floodwater velocities; the extent, duration, and frequency of flooding; information on natural and cultural floodplain resources; and flood loss potential before and after the use of floodplain management measures.</p> <p>Types of studies have been conducted under the Floodplain Management Services program include floodplain delineation/hazard, dam failure analyses, hurricane evacuation, flood warning, floodway, flood damage reduction, stormwater management, floodproofing, and inventories of flood prone structures.</p>
<b>Available Funding</b>	Changes with fiscal year and also depends on the services requested.
<b>Cost Sharing</b>	N/A
<b>Grant Cycle</b>	N/A
<b>Website</b>	<a href="https://www.mvr.usace.army.mil/Business-With-Us/Outreach-Customer-Service/Floodplain-Management-Services/">https://www.mvr.usace.army.mil/Business-With-Us/Outreach-Customer-Service/Floodplain-Management-Services/</a>
<b>Contact</b>	Rock Island District Floodplain Management Services Program Coordinator at 309-794-5704 or <a href="mailto:customeroutreach@usace.army.mil">customeroutreach@usace.army.mil</a>

**FOR:**

Local, State, Tribal

**PRE-/POST-DISASTER:**

Pre-Disaster

**FOCUS:**

Flood

## FOREST SERVICE VOLUNTEER FIRE ASSISTANCE

**OVERVIEW:** The Forest Service (FS) program's main goal is to provide federal financial, technical and other assistance in the organization, training and equipping of fire departments in rural areas, defined as having a population of 10,000 or less.

<b>Organization</b>	U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA)
<b>Resource Type</b>	Grant
<b>Type of Assistance</b>	Financial Assistance, Technical Assistance
<b>Eligible Applicants</b>	Fire agency or volunteer fire departments in rural communities
<b>Activity Guidance</b>	N/A
<b>Available Funding</b>	N/A
<b>Cost Sharing</b>	50/50 Cost-Sharing Grant
<b>Grant Cycle</b>	N/A
<b>Website</b>	<a href="https://www.fs.usda.gov/naspf/topics/fire/volunteer-fire-assistance">https://www.fs.usda.gov/naspf/topics/fire/volunteer-fire-assistance</a>
<b>Contact</b>	Sonya Germann at <a href="mailto:sgermann@mt.gov">sgermann@mt.gov</a>



**FOR:**  
Local



**PRE-/POST-DISASTER:**  
Pre-Disaster



**FOCUS:**  
Training/Equipment, Wildfire

## FOREST STEWARDSHIP PROGRAM

**OVERVIEW:** The Forest Stewardship Program encourages long-term stewardship of important state and private forest landscapes by assisting landowners to more actively manage their forest and related resources. The program assists owners of forest land and other lands where good stewardship, including agroforestry applications, will enhance and sustain the long-term productivity of multiple forest resources and produce healthy, resilient forest landscapes. Special attention is given to landowners in landscape areas identified by state forest action plans and those new to, or in the early stages of, managing their land in a way that embodies multi-resource stewardship principles.

The program provides landowners with professional planning and technical assistance they need to keep their land in a productive and healthy condition. Assistance offered through the Forest Stewardship Program also provides landowners with enhanced access to other USDA conservation programs, forest certification programs, and forest product and ecosystem service markets.

See contact information as well as state coordinators: <https://www.fs.fed.us/about-agency/contact-us/forest-stewardship-state-coordinators>.

<b>Organization</b>	U.S. Forest Service (USFS)
<b>Resource Type</b>	Technical
<b>Type of Assistance</b>	Technical Assistance, Education and Outreach
<b>Eligible Applicants</b>	Non-industrial private forest landowners
<b>Activity Guidance</b>	N/A
<b>Available Funding</b>	N/A
<b>Cost Sharing</b>	N/A
<b>Grant Cycle</b>	N/A
<b>Website</b>	<a href="https://www.fs.fed.us/managing-land/private-land/forest-stewardship/">https://www.fs.fed.us/managing-land/private-land/forest-stewardship/</a>
<b>Contact</b>	Janet Valle at <a href="mailto:janet.valle@usda.gov">janet.valle@usda.gov</a> (USDA) and Erik Warrington at <a href="mailto:ewarrington@mt.gov">ewarrington@mt.gov</a> (MT)



**FOR:**  
Individual



**PRE-/POST-DISASTER:**  
Pre-Disaster



**FOCUS:**  
Conservation

## GREENING AMERICA'S COMMUNITIES

**OVERVIEW:** Greening America's Communities (formerly known as Greening America's Capitals) is an Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) program to help cities and towns develop an implementable vision of environmentally friendly neighborhoods that incorporate innovative green infrastructure and other sustainable design strategies. EPA provides design assistance to help support sustainable communities that protect the environment, economy, and public health and to inspire local and state leaders to expand this work elsewhere.

EPA funds a team of designers to visit each community to produce schematic designs and exciting illustrations intended to catalyze or complement a larger planning process for the pilot neighborhood.

<b>Organization</b>	U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA)
<b>Resource Type</b>	Technical
<b>Type of Assistance</b>	Technical Assistance
<b>Eligible Applicants</b>	Cities and towns
<b>Activity Guidance</b>	N/A
<b>Available Funding</b>	N/A
<b>Cost Sharing</b>	N/A
<b>Grant Cycle</b>	N/A
<b>Website</b>	<a href="https://www.epa.gov/smartgrowth/greening-americas-communities">https://www.epa.gov/smartgrowth/greening-americas-communities</a>
<b>Contact</b>	Clark Wilson at <a href="mailto:Wilson.clark@epa.gov">Wilson.clark@epa.gov</a>

**CASE STUDY:** Selected in 2012, Helena, Montana, received assistance to improve Last Chance Gulch, a street that connects the business district with the historic downtown. Redevelopment in the northern part of Last Chance Gulch has added office, commercial, and residential buildings. As redevelopment continues toward downtown, the Greening America's Capitals project helped the city and stakeholders create a vision that makes the street and intersections friendlier to walking and biking while making sure the neighborhood works for everyone. The project also gave the city options for solving the challenges of a five-point intersection along Last Chance Gulch. Intersection improvements are designed to improve traffic flow, create safer crossings for pedestrians and bicyclists, and improve the connection to downtown.



**FOR:**  
Local



**PRE-/POST-DISASTER:**  
Pre-Disaster



**FOCUS:**  
Green Infrastructure,  
Community Planning

## MONTANA URBAN AND COMMUNITY FORESTRY PROGRAM

**OVERVIEW:** The goal of the Montana Urban & Community Forestry Program (UCF) is to assist with the development and maintenance of local urban forestry programs.

Services include:

- Technical assistance and training for communities and tree care professionals.
- Financial assistance to communities and nonprofit organizations.
- Public education in support of planting trees in urban environments.
- Volunteer coordination assistance to encourage participation at the local level.

<b>Organization</b>	Montana Department of Natural Resources and Conservation (DNRC)
<b>Resource Type</b>	Multiple
<b>Type of Assistance</b>	Financial Assistance, Technical Assistance, Education and Outreach
<b>Eligible Applicants</b>	N/A
<b>Activity Guidance</b>	N/A
<b>Available Funding</b>	Grant amounts range from \$300 to \$15,000 for a variety of activities related to tree planting, planning, management and local community forestry program development.
<b>Cost Sharing</b>	Program development grants require a 100% match in addition to the grant amount.
<b>Grant Cycle</b>	N/A
<b>Website</b>	<a href="http://dnrc.mt.gov/divisions/forestry/forestry-assistance/urban-and-community-forestry">http://dnrc.mt.gov/divisions/forestry/forestry-assistance/urban-and-community-forestry</a>
<b>Contact</b>	Jamie Kirby at 406-542-4288



**FOR:**  
Local



**PRE-/POST-DISASTER:**  
Pre-Disaster



**FOCUS:**  
Conservation



## NATIONAL DAM SAFETY PROGRAM

**OVERVIEW:** The primary purpose of the National Dam Safety Program (NDSP) is to provide financial assistance to the states for strengthening their dam safety programs.

<b>Organization</b>	Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA)
<b>Resource Type</b>	Grant
<b>Type of Assistance</b>	Financial Assistance, Technical Assistance
<b>Eligible Applicants</b>	States
<b>Activity Guidance</b>	<p>The states use NDSP funds for the following types of activities:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Dam safety training for state personnel</li> <li>▪ Increase in the number of dam inspections</li> <li>▪ Increase in the submittal and testing of Emergency Action Plans</li> <li>▪ More timely review and issuance of permits</li> <li>▪ Improved coordination with state emergency preparedness officials</li> <li>▪ Identification of dams to be repaired or removed</li> <li>▪ Conduct dam safety awareness workshops and creation of dam safety videos and other outreach materials</li> </ul>
<b>Available Funding</b>	N/A
<b>Cost Sharing</b>	N/A
<b>Grant Cycle</b>	Annual; application period opens in May.
<b>Website</b>	<a href="https://www.fema.gov/emergency-managers/risk-management/dam-safety/grants">https://www.fema.gov/emergency-managers/risk-management/dam-safety/grants</a>
<b>Contact</b>	Dan Ryan at <a href="mailto:Daniel.p.ryan@fema.dhs.gov">Daniel.p.ryan@fema.dhs.gov</a>



**FOR:**  
State



**PRE-/POST-DISASTER:**  
Pre-Disaster



**FOCUS:**  
Dam, Flood

## NATIONAL EARTHQUAKE HAZARDS REDUCTION PROGRAM EARTHQUAKE STATE ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

**OVERVIEW:** The National Earthquake Hazards Reduction Program (NEHRP) Earthquake State Assistance Program was created to increase and enhance the effective implementation of earthquake risk reduction at the local level.

<b>Organization</b>	Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA)
<b>Resource Type</b>	Grant
<b>Type of Assistance</b>	Financial Assistance
<b>Eligible Applicants</b>	Eligibility for the Individual State Earthquake Assistance funding opportunity is limited to those states and territories determined to have a High or Very High earthquake risk. This determination is compiled annually by FEMA NEHRP as part of the State Assistance Target Allocation List. The list is based on the combination of the Seismic Design Category and Annualized Earthquake Loss contained in FEMA 366 HAZUS-MH Estimated Annualized Earthquake Losses for the United States.
<b>Activity Guidance</b>	<p>Eligible activities include developing seismic mitigation plans; updating building codes, zoning codes, and ordinances to enhance seismic safety; increase earthquake awareness and education; and more.</p> <p>For a full list of activities, visit <a href="https://www.fema.gov/emergency-managers/risk-management/earthquake/state-assistance-program-grants#:~:text=FEMA%20NEHRP%20State%20Assistance,reduction%20at%20the%20local%20level">https://www.fema.gov/emergency-managers/risk-management/earthquake/state-assistance-program-grants#:~:text=FEMA%20NEHRP%20State%20Assistance,reduction%20at%20the%20local%20level</a>.</p>
<b>Available Funding</b>	N/A
<b>Cost Sharing</b>	Federal funding is available for up to 75% of the eligible activity costs.
<b>Grant Cycle</b>	Annual
<b>Website</b>	<a href="https://www.fema.gov/emergency-managers/risk-management/earthquake/state-assistance-program">https://www.fema.gov/emergency-managers/risk-management/earthquake/state-assistance-program</a>
<b>Contact</b>	David Javier at <a href="mailto:Gabriele.javier@fema.dhs.gov">Gabriele.javier@fema.dhs.gov</a>



**FOR:**  
State, Tribal



**PRE-/POST-DISASTER:**  
Pre-Disaster



**FOCUS:**  
Earthquake

## RURAL FIRE CAPACITY PROGRAM

**OVERVIEW:** The Rural Fire Capacity (RFC) Grant Program assists rural volunteer fire departments by providing cost-share grants for training, equipping and organizing. It provides financial, technical, and related assistance to volunteer fire departments to organize, train and equip local firefighters. Assists qualifying fire departments in saving lives and protecting financial investments and enhances environmental quality to revitalize rural areas and communities of 10,000 persons or less.

<b>Organization</b>	Montana Department of Natural Resources and Conservation
<b>Resource Type</b>	Grant
<b>Type of Assistance</b>	Financial Assistance, Technical Assistance
<b>Eligible Applicants</b>	Any fire department that is based in a community, with a population of 10,000 or less (latest Census), is eligible to apply for funding under the RFC program.
<b>Activity Guidance</b>	Approved projects include: wildland training for department personnel; wildland personal protective equipment; wildland equipment and water handling; radio communications; fire department organization and planning.
<b>Available Funding</b>	Funds originate from the USDA Forest Service and are administered by the MT DNRC.
<b>Cost Sharing</b>	Applicant must provide a minimum of 10% of the total cost of the project from sources other than the federal government. More eligibility requirements are available here: <a href="http://dnrc.mt.gov/divisions/forestry/docs/fire-and-aviation/grants/2022_2023rfc_guide_manual.pdf">http://dnrc.mt.gov/divisions/forestry/docs/fire-and-aviation/grants/2022_2023rfc_guide_manual.pdf</a> .
<b>Grant Cycle</b>	Annual; Application period anticipated in spring
<b>Website</b>	<a href="http://dnrc.mt.gov/divisions/forestry/fire-and-aviation/fire-grants">http://dnrc.mt.gov/divisions/forestry/fire-and-aviation/fire-grants</a>
<b>Contact</b>	Rhea Blankenship at <a href="mailto:rheablankenship@mt.gov">rheablankenship@mt.gov</a>



**FOR:**  
Local



**PRE-/POST-DISASTER:**  
Pre-Disaster



**FOCUS:**  
Training/Equipment, Wildfire

## TRIBAL RESILIENCE PROGRAM

**OVERVIEW:** Through the Bureau of Indian Affairs, resources are provided to tribes to build capacity and resilience through leadership engagement, delivery of data and tools, training, adaptation planning, vulnerability assessments, supplemental monitoring, capacity building, and youth engagement.

<b>Organization</b>	U.S. Department of the Interior, Bureau of Indian Affairs
<b>Resource Type</b>	Other
<b>Type of Assistance</b>	Financial Assistance, Technical Assistance
<b>Eligible Applicants</b>	Federally Recognized Tribal Nations and Alaska Native Villages
<b>Activity Guidance</b>	N/A
<b>Available Funding</b>	In 2022, TRC will release approximately \$46 million in funding.
<b>Cost Sharing</b>	N/A
<b>Grant Cycle</b>	Annual
<b>Website</b>	<a href="https://www.bia.gov/bia/ots/tribal-climate-resilience-program">https://www.bia.gov/bia/ots/tribal-climate-resilience-program</a>
<b>Contact</b>	N/A



**FOR:**  
Tribal



**PRE-/POST-DISASTER:**  
Pre-Disaster



**FOCUS:**  
Resilience

## WESTERN WILDLAND URBAN INTERFACE GRANT PROGRAM

**OVERVIEW:** National Fire Plan funds to mitigate risk from wildland fire within the Wildland Urban Interface (WUI) are available and awarded through a competitive process to 22 western states and territories through the Western Wildland Urban Interface Grant Program. Each year, the Montana Department of Natural Resources and Conservation accepts proposals from partners around the state for submission to the National Fire Plan competitive process. The state scores and prioritizes these proposals before sending them on to the national competitive process.

<b>Organization</b>	Montana Department of Natural Resources and Conservation (DNRC)
<b>Resource Type</b>	Grant
<b>Type of Assistance</b>	Financial Assistance
<b>Eligible Applicants</b>	DNRC is the applicant; usually works with nonprofit organizations, conservation districts, county and municipal governments, and fire departments to develop and award funds
<b>Activity Guidance</b>	<p>This program supports the following activities on private and state lands:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ hazardous fuel reduction</li> <li>▪ fire-adapted ecosystem restoration</li> <li>▪ homeowner information and education</li> <li>▪ assessment and planning</li> <li>▪ monitoring through community and landowner action</li> </ul>
<b>Available Funding</b>	Each grant request is limited to a maximum of \$255,000
<b>Cost Sharing</b>	N/A
<b>Grant Cycle</b>	Annual; Application period opens in summer
<b>Website</b>	<a href="http://dnrc.mt.gov/divisions/forestry/forestry-assistance/forest-stewardship/western-wildland-urban-interface-grant-program">http://dnrc.mt.gov/divisions/forestry/forestry-assistance/forest-stewardship/western-wildland-urban-interface-grant-program</a>
<b>Contact</b>	Erik Warrington at <a href="mailto:ewarrington@mt.gov">ewarrington@mt.gov</a> or Ashley Juran at <a href="mailto:Ashley.juran@mt.gov">Ashley.juran@mt.gov</a>

**FOR:**

Individual, Local, Tribal,  
Nonprofit

**PRE-/POST-DISASTER:**

Pre-Disaster

**FOCUS:**

Wildfire



# ECONOMIC FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES

## DISASTER ASSISTANCE AND EMERGENCY RELIEF FOR INDIVIDUALS AND BUSINESSES

**OVERVIEW:** Special tax law provisions may help taxpayers and businesses recover financially from the impact of a disaster, especially when the federal government declares their location to be a major disaster area. Depending on the circumstances, the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) may grant additional time to file returns and pay taxes. Both individuals and businesses in a federally declared disaster area can get a faster refund by claiming losses related to the disaster on the tax return for the previous year, usually by filing an amended return. The IRS also offers audio presentations on planning for disaster. These presentations discuss business continuity planning, insurance coverage, recordkeeping, and other tips to stay in business after a major disaster.

<b>Organization</b>	Internal Revenue Service (IRS)
<b>Resource Type</b>	Tax Relief
<b>Type of Assistance</b>	Financial Assistance, Technical Assistance
<b>Eligible Applicants</b>	U.S. taxpayers, including individuals and businesses affected by federally declared disasters.
<b>Activity Guidance</b>	N/A
<b>Available Funding</b>	N/A
<b>Cost Sharing</b>	N/A
<b>Grant Cycle</b>	N/A
<b>Website</b>	<a href="https://www.irs.gov/businesses/small-businesses-self-employed/disaster-assistance-and-emergency-relief-for-individuals-and-businesses">https://www.irs.gov/businesses/small-businesses-self-employed/disaster-assistance-and-emergency-relief-for-individuals-and-businesses</a>
<b>Contact</b>	Danny Smith at <a href="mailto:danny.smith@irs.gov">danny.smith@irs.gov</a>



**FOR:**  
Individual, Local



**PRE-/POST-DISASTER:**  
Post Disaster



**FOCUS:**  
Disaster Recovery

## DISASTER ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

**OVERVIEW:** A variety of disaster assistance programs from the U.S. Department of Agriculture, including Livestock Forage Disaster Program, Livestock Indemnity Program, and more.

<b>Organization</b>	U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA)
<b>Resource Type</b>	Multiple
<b>Type of Assistance</b>	Financial Assistance, Technical Assistance, Education and Outreach
<b>Eligible Applicants</b>	Dependent on program
<b>Activity Guidance</b>	Dependent on program
<b>Available Funding</b>	N/A
<b>Cost Sharing</b>	N/A
<b>Grant Cycle</b>	After designation by the Secretary of Agriculture or declaration by the President under the Stafford Act
<b>Website</b>	<a href="https://www.fsa.usda.gov/programs-and-services/disaster-assistance-program/index">https://www.fsa.usda.gov/programs-and-services/disaster-assistance-program/index</a>
<b>Contact</b>	USDA Farm Service Agency State Office in Bozeman at 406-587-6872

**FOR:**

Individual, Local, State, Tribal

**PRE-/POST-DISASTER:**

Post Disaster

**FOCUS:**

Drought, Livestock

## DISASTER LOAN PROGRAM

**OVERVIEW:** The U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA) provides low-interest disaster loans to businesses of all sizes, private nonprofit organizations, homeowners, and renters. SBA disaster loans can be used to repair or replace the following items damaged or destroyed in a declared disaster: real estate, personal property, machinery and equipment, and inventory and business assets.

<b>Organization</b>	U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA)
<b>Resource Type</b>	Loan
<b>Type of Assistance</b>	Financial Assistance
<b>Eligible Applicants</b>	Businesses of all sizes, private nonprofit organizations, homeowners, and renters in an area affected by a declared disaster(s)
<b>Activity Guidance</b>	Varies depending on the borrower. More information can be found here: <a href="https://disasterloan.sba.gov/ela/Documents/Three_Step_Process_SBA_Disaster_Loans.pdf">https://disasterloan.sba.gov/ela/Documents/Three_Step_Process_SBA_Disaster_Loans.pdf</a>
<b>Available Funding</b>	Businesses may borrow up to \$2 million, and homeowners may borrow up to \$200,000 to repair/replace a disaster-damaged private residence, or \$40,000 for a homeowner or renter to repair/replace damaged personal property
<b>Cost Sharing</b>	N/A
<b>Grant Cycle</b>	Ongoing
<b>Website</b>	<a href="https://disasterloan.sba.gov/ela/Information/Index">https://disasterloan.sba.gov/ela/Information/Index</a>
<b>Contact</b>	Michael Lampton at <a href="mailto:Michael.lampton@sba.gov">Michael.lampton@sba.gov</a>



**FOR:**  
Individual, Local



**PRE-/POST-DISASTER:**  
Post Disaster



**FOCUS:**  
Disaster Recovery

## EDA AND DISASTER RECOVERY

**OVERVIEW:** EDA has a long history of successfully supporting disaster recovery and resiliency efforts. EDA's role in disaster recovery is to facilitate the timely and effective delivery of federal economic development assistance to support long-term community economic recovery planning and project implementation, redevelopment, and resiliency. EDA is uniquely positioned to coordinate regional disaster recovery efforts in partnership with its extensive network of Economic Development Districts, university centers, institutions of higher education, and other partners in designated impact areas. EDA has made \$587 million available for disaster recovery grants for communities experiencing economic distress or harm from Hurricanes Florence, Michael, and Lane; Typhoons Yutu and Mangkhut; and of wildfires, volcanic eruptions, earthquakes, and other natural disasters occurring in calendar year 2018, and tornadoes and floods occurring in calendar year 2019.

<b>Organization</b>	U.S. Department of Commerce, U.S. Economic Development Administration
<b>Resource Type</b>	Technical
<b>Type of Assistance</b>	Technical Assistance, Education and Outreach
<b>Eligible Applicants</b>	Eligible applicants include district organization; Indian tribe; state, county, city or other political subdivision of a state; institution of higher education; public or private non-profit organizations or associations.
<b>Activity Guidance</b>	See the Disaster Supplemental Funding resource for further information: <a href="https://www.eda.gov/files/programs/disaster-recovery/supplemental/2019/EDA_FY19%20Disaster%20NOFO_FAQ.pdf">https://www.eda.gov/files/programs/disaster-recovery/supplemental/2019/EDA_FY19%20Disaster%20NOFO_FAQ.pdf</a>
<b>Available Funding</b>	N/A
<b>Cost Sharing</b>	N/A
<b>Grant Cycle</b>	Ongoing; Applications are accepted and reviewed until the cancellation of the current NOFO or all available funds have been expended
<b>Website</b>	<a href="https://www.eda.gov/programs/disaster-recovery/">https://www.eda.gov/programs/disaster-recovery/</a>
<b>Contact</b>	Aaron Pratt at <a href="mailto:apratt@eda.gov">apratt@eda.gov</a>

**FOR:**

Local, State, Tribal, Nonprofit

**PRE-/POST-DISASTER:**

Post-Disaster

**FOCUS:**

Disaster Recovery

## EMERGENCY CONSERVATION PROGRAM

**OVERVIEW:** The Emergency Conservation Program (ECP) helps farmers and ranchers to repair damage to farmlands caused by natural disasters and establish methods for water conservation during severe drought. The ECP does this by giving ranchers and farmers funding and assistance to repair the damaged farmland or install methods for water conservation.

<b>Organization</b>	U.S. Department of Agriculture
<b>Resource Type</b>	Grant
<b>Type of Assistance</b>	Financial Assistance, Technical Assistance
<b>Eligible Applicants</b>	Farms and ranches damaged by federally declared disasters.
<b>Activity Guidance</b>	<p>The FSA County Committee inspects the damage to determine if land is eligible for ECP. For land to qualify for ECP funds, the damage from the natural disaster or severe drought must create new conservation problems that could potentially do the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Further damage the land</li> <li>▪ Significantly affect the land's productive capacity</li> <li>▪ Represent damage from a natural disaster unusual for the area (an exception to this is damage from wind erosion)</li> <li>▪ Be too costly to repair without federal assistance to return the land to agricultural production.</li> </ul>
<b>Available Funding</b>	The FSA County Committee is able to approve applications up to \$125,000 while \$125,001 to \$250,000 requires state committee approval. Amounts over \$250,000 require the approval of the national FSA office.
<b>Cost Sharing</b>	Up to 75% of the cost to implement emergency conservation practices can be provided; however, the final amount is determined by the committee reviewing the application. Qualified limited resource producers may earn up to 90% cost-share.
<b>Grant Cycle</b>	N/A
<b>Website</b>	<a href="https://www.fsa.usda.gov/programs-and-services/conservation-programs/emergency-conservation/index">https://www.fsa.usda.gov/programs-and-services/conservation-programs/emergency-conservation/index</a>
<b>Contact</b>	Local Farm Service Agency (FSA) office



**FOR:**  
Individual



**PRE-/POST-DISASTER:**  
Post-Disaster



**FOCUS:**  
Conservation, Drought



## IRRIGATION DEVELOPMENT GRANT PROGRAM

**OVERVIEW:** The irrigation development grant program was created to increase the value of irrigated crops while preserving natural resources and the environment for future generations.

<b>Organization</b>	Montana Department of Natural Resources and Conservation (DNRC)
<b>Resource Type</b>	Grant
<b>Type of Assistance</b>	Financial Assistance
<b>Eligible Applicants</b>	Private for-profit, private nonprofit, governmental and tribal entities and individual and groups in Montana
<b>Activity Guidance</b>	<p>Projects typically address one or more of these program objectives:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Increase irrigation efficiencies through water conservation</li> <li>▪ Expand or sustain irrigated acreage</li> <li>▪ Increase production of high-value crops</li> <li>▪ Improve management of irrigation systems</li> <li>▪ Improve inter-basin cooperation among all water users</li> </ul>
<b>Available Funding</b>	Irrigation development grants range from \$300 to \$20,000
<b>Cost Sharing</b>	N/A
<b>Grant Cycle</b>	Ongoing
<b>Website</b>	<a href="http://dnrc.mt.gov/divisions/cadd/resource-development/loan-and-grant-programs-for-irrigation-development">http://dnrc.mt.gov/divisions/cadd/resource-development/loan-and-grant-programs-for-irrigation-development</a>
<b>Contact</b>	Ann Kulczyk at <a href="mailto:akulczyk@mt.gov">akulczyk@mt.gov</a>

**FOR:**

Individual, Local, Tribal,  
Nonprofit

**PRE-/POST-DISASTER:**

Pre-Disaster

**FOCUS:**

Conservation, Water

## TREE ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

**OVERVIEW:** The Tree Assistance Program (TAP) provides financial assistance to qualifying orchardists and nursery tree growers to replant or rehabilitate eligible trees, bushes, and vines damaged by natural disasters occurring on or after Jan. 1, 2008, and before Oct. 1, 2011. TAP was authorized by the 2008 Farm Bill and is funded through the Agricultural Disaster Relief Trust Fund. TAP provides funds for those orchardists and nursery tree growers who have suffered qualifying damage in excess of 15% from an eligible natural disaster, owned their plants at the time of the disaster, and will replace said trees, bushes, and vines within 12 months of application approval.

<b>Organization</b>	U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA)
<b>Resource Type</b>	Grant
<b>Type of Assistance</b>	Financial Assistance, Technical Assistance
<b>Eligible Applicants</b>	<p>Orchardists and nursery tree growers that have:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Suffered qualifying tree, bush, or vine losses in excess of 15% mortality for the stand (adjusted for normal mortality) from an eligible natural disaster.</li> <li>▪ Owned the eligible trees, bushes, and vines when the natural disaster occurred, but eligible growers are not required to own the land on which eligible trees, bushes and vines are planted.</li> <li>▪ Replace eligible trees, bushes, and vines within 12 months from the date the TAP application is approved.</li> </ul>
<b>Activity Guidance</b>	Replanting or rehabilitation of eligible trees, bushes, and vines lost by natural disasters.
<b>Available Funding</b>	N/A
<b>Cost Sharing</b>	N/A
<b>Grant Cycle</b>	N/A
<b>Website</b>	<a href="https://www.fsa.usda.gov/Assets/USDA-FSA-Public/usdfiles/FactSheets/tree_assistance_program-tap-fact_sheet.pdf">https://www.fsa.usda.gov/Assets/USDA-FSA-Public/usdfiles/FactSheets/tree_assistance_program-tap-fact_sheet.pdf</a>
<b>Contact</b>	USDA Farm Service Agency State Office in Bozeman at 406-587-6872



**FOR:**  
Individual



**PRE-/POST-DISASTER:**  
Post-Disaster



**FOCUS:**  
Disaster Recovery,  
Conservation

# HEALTH AND SOCIAL FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES

## IDAHO AND MONTANA GRANT PROGRAM

**OVERVIEW:** In its Idaho and Montana Grant Program, the Steele-Reese Foundation supports projects that affect people in rural areas in Idaho, Montana, and in Native nations that share the geography in the following program areas:

- Rural Education.
- Rural Health.
- Rural Human and Social Services.
- Rural Arts and Humanities.
- Rural Conservation or Preservation.

<b>Organization</b>	Steele-Reese Foundation
<b>Resource Type</b>	Grant
<b>Type of Assistance</b>	Financial Assistance
<b>Eligible Applicants</b>	Eligible applicants are 501(c)(3) nonprofit organizations that serve rural areas of Idaho and/or Montana. Government entities or agencies such as schools, fire departments, and libraries are also eligible.
<b>Activity Guidance</b>	The foundation will only consider requests that benefit rural communities in Idaho, Montana, and in Native nations located within these states. The foundation requests that email be used for brief initial inquiries to determine whether formal applications are warranted and for follow-up correspondence.
<b>Available Funding</b>	Awards typically range between \$5,000 and \$50,000.
<b>Cost Sharing</b>	N/A
<b>Grant Cycle</b>	Annual; Application period likely to open in January
<b>Website</b>	<a href="https://steele-reese.org/">https://steele-reese.org/</a>
<b>Contact</b>	Linda Tracy at <a href="mailto:linda@steele-reese.org">linda@steele-reese.org</a>



### FOR:

Individual, Nonprofit, Tribal



### PRE-/POST-DISASTER:

Pre-Disaster



### FOCUS:

Essential Services, Resilience

## WEYERHAEUSER GIVING FUND

**OVERVIEW:** The mission of the Weyerhaeuser Company Foundation is to improve the quality of life in communities where it operates. Funding priorities include:

- Affordable housing and shelter.
- Education and youth development.
- Environmental stewardship.
- Human services, civic, and cultural growth.
- Workforce development.
- Diversity, equity, and inclusion.

<b>Organization</b>	Steele-Reese Foundation
<b>Resource Type</b>	Grant
<b>Type of Assistance</b>	Financial Assistance
<b>Eligible Applicants</b>	Applicant organizations must be located in a Weyerhaeuser Community. A list of Weyerhaeuser Communities is available in the eligibility section of the program website. Nonprofit 501(c)(3) organizations, public education institutions, and government entities are eligible.
<b>Activity Guidance</b>	N/A
<b>Available Funding</b>	Grant amounts vary in scale in relationship to Weyerhaeuser's presence in the community or the foundation's funding priorities. The minimum grant awarded is \$1,000.
<b>Cost Sharing</b>	N/A
<b>Grant Cycle</b>	Ongoing
<b>Website</b>	<a href="https://www.weyerhaeuser.com/company/values/citizenship/giving-fund/">https://www.weyerhaeuser.com/company/values/citizenship/giving-fund/</a>
<b>Contact</b>	<a href="mailto:givingfund@weyerhaeuser.com">givingfund@weyerhaeuser.com</a>

**FOR:**

Individual, Nonprofit

**PRE-/POST-DISASTER:**

Pre-Disaster

**FOCUS:**

Essential Services, Resilience

# HISTORIC AND CULTURAL FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES

## ENVIRONMENTAL PLANNING AND HISTORIC PRESERVATION

**OVERVIEW:** The Environmental Planning and Historic Preservation (EHP) program integrates the protection and enhancement of environmental, historic, and cultural resources into FEMA's mission, programs, and activities; ensures that FEMA's activities and programs related to disaster response and recovery, hazard mitigation, and emergency preparedness comply with federal EHP laws and executive orders; and provides EHP technical assistance to FEMA staff, local, state, and federal partners, and grantees and subgrantees.

<b>Organization</b>	Federal Emergency Management Association (FEMA)
<b>Resource Type</b>	Policy
<b>Type of Assistance</b>	Technical Assistance
<b>Eligible Applicants</b>	Structures 50 years or older from current date.
<b>Activity Guidance</b>	EHP guidance can be found here: <a href="https://www.fema.gov/sites/default/files/2020-04/GPD_EHP_Policy_Final_3-17-17.pdf">https://www.fema.gov/sites/default/files/2020-04/GPD_EHP_Policy_Final_3-17-17.pdf</a> .
<b>Available Funding</b>	N/A
<b>Cost Sharing</b>	N/A
<b>Grant Cycle</b>	After presidential declaration of a disaster
<b>Website</b>	<a href="https://www.fema.gov/emergency-managers/practitioners/environmental-historic">https://www.fema.gov/emergency-managers/practitioners/environmental-historic</a>
<b>Contact</b>	Duane Castaldi at <a href="mailto:duane.castaldi@fema.dhs.gov">duane.castaldi@fema.dhs.gov</a>

**FOR:**

Local, State, Tribal

**PRE-/POST-DISASTER:**

Pre-Disaster

**FOCUS:**

Historic Preservation

# HOUSING FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES

## 203(K) REHABILITATION PROGRAM

**OVERVIEW:** Section 203(k) insurance enables homebuyers and homeowners to finance both the purchase (or refinancing) of a house and the cost of its rehabilitation through a single mortgage or to finance the rehabilitation of their existing home.

<b>Organization</b>	U.S. Department of Housing, Urban Development Federal Housing Administration
<b>Resource Type</b>	Loan
<b>Type of Assistance</b>	Financial Assistance
<b>Eligible Applicants</b>	Homebuyers, homeowners
<b>Activity Guidance</b>	More information on the type of projects allowed and disallowed can be found here: <a href="https://www.hud.gov/program_offices/housing/sfh/203k/203k-df">https://www.hud.gov/program_offices/housing/sfh/203k/203k-df</a> .
<b>Available Funding</b>	There are FHA mortgage limits depending on the area. Please consult the FHA Mortgage Limit Calculator, found here: <a href="https://entp.hud.gov/idapp/html/hicostlook.cfm">https://entp.hud.gov/idapp/html/hicostlook.cfm</a> .
<b>Cost Sharing</b>	N/A
<b>Grant Cycle</b>	N/A
<b>Website</b>	<a href="https://www.hud.gov/program_offices/housing/sfh/203k">https://www.hud.gov/program_offices/housing/sfh/203k</a>
<b>Contact</b>	Gary Long at <a href="mailto:gary.x.long@hud.gov">gary.x.long@hud.gov</a>



**FOR:**  
Individual



**PRE-/POST-DISASTER:**  
Pre-Disaster



**FOCUS:**  
Mitigation



## HOUSING IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM

**OVERVIEW:** The Housing Improvement Program (HIP) is a home repair, renovation, replacement, and new housing grant program administered by the Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) and federally recognized Indian tribes for American Indians and Alaska Native (AI/AN) individuals and families who have no immediate resource for standard housing. While not an entitlement program, HIP was established under the Snyder Act of 1921 as one of several BIA programs authorized by Congress for the benefit of Indian people.

<b>Organization</b>	U.S. Department of the Interior, Bureau of Indian Affairs
<b>Resource Type</b>	Grant
<b>Type of Assistance</b>	Financial Assistance, Technical Assistance
<b>Eligible Applicants</b>	Member of a federally recognized American Indian tribe or an Alaska Native; live in an approved tribal service area; have an income that does not exceed 150% of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services Poverty Guidelines; have present housing that is substandard, as defined by the regulations; have no other resource for housing assistance; and have not acquired your present housing through a federally sponsored housing program that includes such housing assistance.
<b>Activity Guidance</b>	Consult the eligibility guidelines found here: <a href="https://www.bia.gov/bia/ois/dhs/housing-improvement-program">https://www.bia.gov/bia/ois/dhs/housing-improvement-program</a>
<b>Available Funding</b>	Interim Improvements: Provides up to \$7,500 in housing repairs for conditions that threaten the health and/or safety of the occupants. Repairs and Renovation: Provides up to \$60,000 in repairs and renovation to improve the condition of a homeowner's dwelling to meet applicable building code standards. Replacement Housing: Provides a modest replacement home if a homeowner's dwelling cannot be brought to applicable building code standards. New Housing: Provides a modest new home. If you do not own a home, you may be eligible if you are the owner or leaseholder of land suitable for housing and the lease is for not less than 25 years at the time assistance is received.
<b>Cost Sharing</b>	N/A
<b>Grant Cycle</b>	Annual
<b>Website</b>	<a href="https://www.bia.gov/bia/ois/dhs/housing-improvement-program">https://www.bia.gov/bia/ois/dhs/housing-improvement-program</a>
<b>Contact</b>	Jo-Ellen Cree at <a href="mailto:creejo-ellen@bia.gov">creejo-ellen@bia.gov</a>



**FOR:**  
Tribal



**PRE-/POST-DISASTER:**  
Pre-Disaster



**FOCUS:**  
Essential Services, Housing

## HOUSING PRESERVATION GRANTS

**OVERVIEW:** The Housing Preservation Grant (HPG) program provides grants to sponsoring organizations for the repair or rehabilitation of low- and very low-income housing. The grants are competitive and are made available in areas where there is a concentration of need. Those assisted must own very low- or low-income housing, either as homeowners, landlords, or members of a cooperative. Very low income is defined as below 50% of the area median income (AMI); low income is between 50% and 80% of AMI.

The funds can be used in the following ways:

- Applicants provide grants or low-interest loans to repair or rehabilitate housing for low- and very-low-income homeowners.
- Rental property owners may also receive assistance if they agree to make units available to low- and very-low-income families.

<b>Organization</b>	U.S. Department of Agriculture Rural Housing Service
<b>Resource Type</b>	Grant
<b>Type of Assistance</b>	Financial Assistance
<b>Eligible Applicants</b>	State agencies, units of local government, Native American tribes, and nonprofit organizations. Eligible areas include rural towns with 20,000 or fewer people and federally recognized tribal lands. Eligible addresses can be searched here: <a href="https://eligibility.sc.egov.usda.gov/eligibility/welcomeAction.do">https://eligibility.sc.egov.usda.gov/eligibility/welcomeAction.do</a> .
<b>Activity Guidance</b>	<p>Eligible expenses include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Repairing or replacing electrical wiring, foundations, roofs, insulation, heating systems, and water/waste disposal systems.</li> <li>▪ Handicap accessibility features.</li> <li>▪ Labor and materials.</li> <li>▪ Administrative expenses.</li> </ul> <p>For a complete list, see the Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) 1944.664.</p>
<b>Available Funding</b>	Information is not available at a national level. More information can be found here: <a href="https://www.govinfo.gov/content/pkg/FR-2022-05-26/pdf/2022-11274.pdf">https://www.govinfo.gov/content/pkg/FR-2022-05-26/pdf/2022-11274.pdf</a> .
<b>Cost Sharing</b>	N/A
<b>Grant Cycle</b>	Annual
<b>Website</b>	<a href="https://www.rd.usda.gov/programs-services/housing-preservation-grants">https://www.rd.usda.gov/programs-services/housing-preservation-grants</a>
<b>Contact</b>	Kathleen Williams (406) 585-2580

**FOR:**

Local, State, Tribal, Nonprofit

**PRE-/POST-DISASTER:**

Pre-Disaster

**FOCUS:**

Housing

# INFRASTRUCTURE FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES

## BIOMASS ENERGY PRE-FEASIBILITY ASSESSMENT GRANTS

**OVERVIEW:** The Montana Department of Natural Resources and Conservation (DNRC) Wood Energy Program provides technical and financial assistance for the development of wood biomass energy in Montana. Services of this program include grants for preliminary feasibility assessments and project development, biomass fuel supply information, guidance on financing options, networking and information sharing.

Up to \$3,500 in grant funds are available to hire a qualified firm to conduct preliminary feasibility assessments. The purpose of the Wood Biomass Energy Preliminary Feasibility Assessment Grants is to provide financial assistance to Montana's commercial and public entities interested in installation of wood biomass energy systems in their facilities.

<b>Organization</b>	Montana Department of Natural Resources and Conservation (DNRC)
<b>Resource Type</b>	Grant
<b>Type of Assistance</b>	Financial Assistance
<b>Eligible Applicants</b>	Eligible applicants are public, nonprofit and tribal facilities, and private businesses.
<b>Activity Guidance</b>	EHP guidance can be found here: <a href="https://www.fema.gov/sites/default/files/2020-04/GPD_EHP_Policy_Final_3-17-17.pdf">https://www.fema.gov/sites/default/files/2020-04/GPD_EHP_Policy_Final_3-17-17.pdf</a>
<b>Available Funding</b>	\$3,500
<b>Cost Sharing</b>	Program participation requires a minimum 1:1 non-federal to federal cost-match; applicant must contribute at least 50% of the total assessment cost in non-federal match, and the DNRC's federal share will be no more than 50% of the total assessment cost. \$3,500 maximum award.
<b>Grant Cycle</b>	Ongoing
<b>Website</b>	<a href="http://dnrc.mt.gov/divisions/forestry/forestry-assistance/biomass/wood-energy-pre-feasibility-assessments">http://dnrc.mt.gov/divisions/forestry/forestry-assistance/biomass/wood-energy-pre-feasibility-assessments</a>
<b>Contact</b>	Tom Perry at <a href="mailto:tom.perry@mt.gov">tom.perry@mt.gov</a>

**FOR:**

Individual, Local, Tribal,  
Nonprofit

**PRE-/POST-DISASTER:**

Pre-Disaster

**FOCUS:**

Energy

## BUILDING RESILIENT INFRASTRUCTURE AND COMMUNITIES

**OVERVIEW:** The Building Resilient Infrastructure and Communities (BRIC) program will support states, local communities, tribes, and territories as they undertake hazard mitigation projects to reduce the risks they face from disasters and natural hazards. BRIC is a new FEMA pre-disaster hazard mitigation program that replaces the former Pre-Disaster Mitigation (PDM) program.

The BRIC program's guiding principles are supporting communities through capability- and capacity-building; encouraging and enabling innovation; promoting partnerships; enabling large projects; maintaining flexibility; and providing consistency.

<b>Organization</b>	Federal Emergency Management Association (FEMA)
<b>Resource Type</b>	Grant
<b>Type of Assistance</b>	Financial Assistance
<b>Eligible Applicants</b>	States and territories that have had a major disaster declaration under the Stafford Act in the seven years prior to the annual application period state date. Local governments and tribes are eligible to apply to states and territories as subapplicants.
<b>Activity Guidance</b>	Ineligible activities can be found in the HMA Guidance: <a href="https://www.fema.gov/sites/default/files/2020-07/fy15_HMA_Guidance.pdf">https://www.fema.gov/sites/default/files/2020-07/fy15_HMA_Guidance.pdf</a>
<b>Available Funding</b>	FEMA will fund BRIC from a 6% set-aside of estimated disaster expenses for each major disaster.
<b>Cost Sharing</b>	N/A
<b>Grant Cycle</b>	Annual; Application period opens in fall
<b>Website</b>	<a href="https://FEMA.gov/BRIC">https://FEMA.gov/BRIC</a>
<b>Contact</b>	Sara Hartley @ <a href="mailto:Sara.Hartley@mt.gov">Sara.Hartley@mt.gov</a>



**FOR:**  
Local, State



**PRE-/POST-DISASTER:**  
Pre-Disaster



**FOCUS:**  
Mitigation

## COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT DISASTER RECOVERY

**OVERVIEW:** In response to presidentially declared disasters, Congress may appropriate additional funding for the Community Development Block Grant program as Disaster Recovery (CDBG-DR) grants to rebuild areas affected by a disaster and provide crucial seed money to start the recovery process. Since CDBG-DR assistance may fund a broad range of recovery activities, HUD helps communities and neighborhoods that otherwise might not recover due to limited resources. CDBG-DR is a presidentially declared appropriation, rather than an annual appropriation, and regulations can be found in 24 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) 570 with Federal Register Notices for each CDBG-DR appropriation. CDBG-DR funds can be used for disaster relief, long-term recovery, restoration of infrastructure, housing, and economic revitalization.

**DID YOU KNOW?**

Community Development Block Grants can be used as a match for other grants.

<b>Organization</b>	U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD)
<b>Resource Type</b>	Grant
<b>Type of Assistance</b>	Financial Assistance
<b>Eligible Applicants</b>	HUD will notify eligible states, cities, and counties if they are eligible to receive CDBG grants.
<b>Activity Guidance</b>	Each activity must be CDBG-eligible, address a disaster-related impact in a county that has received a presidential disaster declaration, and meet a national objective. Eligible grantees are states, units of general local government, Indian tribes, and insular areas.
<b>Available Funding</b>	The available funding is determined based on the disaster declaration.
<b>Cost Sharing</b>	Varies depending on the cost type. More information on costs can be found here: <a href="https://www.hudexchange.info/resources/documents/CDBG-DR-Cost-Types-Summary.pdf">https://www.hudexchange.info/resources/documents/CDBG-DR-Cost-Types-Summary.pdf</a> .
<b>Grant Cycle</b>	After presidential declaration of a major disaster; HUD will notify eligible states, cities and counties if they are eligible to receive CDBG-DR grants
<b>Website</b>	<a href="https://www.hudexchange.info/programs/cdbg-dr/">https://www.hudexchange.info/programs/cdbg-dr/</a>
<b>Contact</b>	Contact specific to disaster <a href="https://www.hudexchange.info/programs/cdbg-dr/cdbg-dr-grantee-contact-information/#all-disasters">https://www.hudexchange.info/programs/cdbg-dr/cdbg-dr-grantee-contact-information/#all-disasters</a>



**FOR:**  
Local, State



**PRE-/POST-DISASTER:**  
Post-Disaster



**FOCUS:**  
Disaster Recovery

## COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT MITIGATION

**OVERVIEW:** CDBG-Mitigation funds represent a unique and significant opportunity for grantees to use this assistance in areas impacted by recent disasters to carry out long-term strategic and high-impact activities to mitigate disaster risks and reduce future losses. While it is impossible to eliminate all risks, these funds will enable grantees to mitigate disaster risks, while at the same time allowing grantees the opportunity to transform state and local planning.

<b>Organization</b>	U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD)
<b>Resource Type</b>	Grant
<b>Type of Assistance</b>	Financial Assistance
<b>Eligible Applicants</b>	States
<b>Activity Guidance</b>	The program defines mitigation as activities that: Increase resilience to disasters and reduce or eliminate the long-term risk of loss of life, injury, damage to and loss of property, and suffering and hardship by lessening the impact of future disasters.
<b>Available Funding</b>	The 2019 Federal Register notice allocates \$6.87 billion in mitigation funds to nine states and five localities recovering from 2015, 2016 and 2017 natural disasters.
<b>Cost Sharing</b>	N/A
<b>Grant Cycle</b>	After presidential declaration of a major disaster, HUD will notify eligible states, cities, and counties.
<b>Website</b>	<a href="https://www.hudexchange.info/programs/cdbg-mit/">https://www.hudexchange.info/programs/cdbg-mit/</a>
<b>Contact</b>	Jessie Handforth Kome at <a href="mailto:disaster_recovery@hud.gov">disaster_recovery@hud.gov</a>

**CASE STUDY:** In April 1997 the Red River overflowed its banks, flooding 8,600 homes in Grand Forks, North Dakota. While the floodwaters rose, a fire broke out in the downtown business district. Between the flood and the fire, all 315 businesses were affected. A buyout program was funded through FEMA's hazard mitigation grants, by the state, city and under HUD's CDBG program. Nearly 600 residential and 40 commercial properties in the floodplain were voluntarily sold to the city through a buyout program. Because of the buyout, home and business owners have moved out of harm's way to safer areas. The flood-ravaged buildings also have been demolished and the resulting green space will remain open and undeveloped forever.

Through its CDBG program, HUD awarded more than \$351 million in disaster recovery funds to communities in North Dakota, South Dakota and Minnesota. Grand Forks received more than \$171 million of these funds.



**FOR:**  
State



**PRE-/POST-DISASTER:**  
Post-Disaster



**FOCUS:**  
Mitigation

## COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT STATE PROGRAM

**OVERVIEW:** Under the state CDBG program, states award grants to smaller units of general local government to develop and preserve decent affordable housing, to provide services to the most vulnerable in our communities, and to create and retain jobs. Each state develops annual funding priorities and criteria for selecting projects.

<b>Organization</b>	U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD)
<b>Resource Type</b>	Grant
<b>Type of Assistance</b>	Financial Assistance
<b>Eligible Applicants</b>	Local applicants can apply here for Montana: <a href="https://comdev.mt.gov/Programs/CDBG">https://comdev.mt.gov/Programs/CDBG</a>
<b>Activity Guidance</b>	<p>Includes acquisition of real property; relocation and demolition; rehabilitation of residential and non-residential structures; construction of public facilities and improvements, such as water and sewer facilities, streets, neighborhood centers, and the conversion of school buildings for eligible purposes; public services, within certain limits; activities relating to energy conservation and renewable energy resources; provision of assistance to nonprofit and profit-motivated businesses to carry out economic development and job creation/retention activities.</p> <p>More information: <a href="https://www.hudexchange.info/programs/cdbg-state/state-cdbg-program-eligibility-requirements/">https://www.hudexchange.info/programs/cdbg-state/state-cdbg-program-eligibility-requirements/</a></p>
<b>Available Funding</b>	Appropriated each year. More information can be found here: <a href="https://www.hud.gov/program_offices/comm_planning/budget">https://www.hud.gov/program_offices/comm_planning/budget</a>
<b>Cost Sharing</b>	States may use \$100,000 plus up to 50% of costs they incur for program administration, up to a maximum of 3% of its CDBG allocation. Amounts spent on administration in excess of \$100,000 must be matched. States may spend up to 3% of their CDBG allocation on technical assistance activities. However, the total a state spends on both administrative and technical assistance expenses may not exceed 3% of the state's allocation.
<b>Grant Cycle</b>	Annual
<b>Website</b>	<a href="https://www.hudexchange.info/programs/cdbg-state/">https://www.hudexchange.info/programs/cdbg-state/</a>
<b>Contact</b>	<a href="mailto:DOCCDD@mt.gov">DOCCDD@mt.gov</a>



**FOR:**  
Local



**PRE-/POST-DISASTER:**  
Pre-Disaster



**FOCUS:**  
Essential Services



## COMMUNITY DISASTER LOAN

**OVERVIEW:** Provides operational funding for local governments to continue to operate after a substantial revenue loss caused by a disaster. Essential services include activities such as police and fire protection, trash collection, revenue collection, public facilities maintenance, and hazard insurance.

<b>Organization</b>	Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA)
<b>Resource Type</b>	Loan
<b>Type of Assistance</b>	Financial Assistance
<b>Eligible Applicants</b>	Local governments can apply if they: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Are located in a presidentially declared disaster area.</li> <li>▪ Experienced a revenue loss greater than or equal to 5%.</li> <li>▪ Sustained a revenue loss that affects the current or next fiscal year.</li> </ul>
<b>Activity Guidance</b>	Community Disaster Loan Program Guidance can be found here: <a href="https://www.fema.gov/sites/default/files/2020-07/fema_community-disaster-loan_fact-sheet.pdf">https://www.fema.gov/sites/default/files/2020-07/fema_community-disaster-loan_fact-sheet.pdf</a> .
<b>Available Funding</b>	The maximum amount is \$5,000,000.
<b>Cost Sharing</b>	N/A
<b>Grant Cycle</b>	The deadline to apply is determined from the end of the incident period through the end of the following fiscal year.
<b>Website</b>	<a href="https://www.fema.gov/assistance/public/nonstate-nonprofit/community-disaster-loan">https://www.fema.gov/assistance/public/nonstate-nonprofit/community-disaster-loan</a>
<b>Contact</b>	Martha Castro at <a href="mailto:martha.castro@fema.dhs.gov">martha.castro@fema.dhs.gov</a>



**FOR:**  
Local



**PRE-/POST-DISASTER:**  
Post-Disaster



**FOCUS:**  
Essential Services

## CONTINUING AUTHORITIES PROGRAM

**OVERVIEW:** The Continuing Authorities Program (CAP) provides the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) with the authority to solve water resource, flood risk mitigation and environmental restoration problems in partnership with local sponsors without the need to obtain specific congressional authorization. This program decreases the amount of time required to budget, develop and approve a potential project for construction. CAP allows the USACE to plan and implement projects that are smaller, less complex and less costly.

<b>Organization</b>	U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE)
<b>Resource Type</b>	Technical
<b>Type of Assistance</b>	Technical Assistance
<b>Eligible Applicants</b>	Non-federal authority
<b>Activity Guidance</b>	The authority and project scopes allowed under the CAP can be found here: <a href="https://www.nae.usace.army.mil/Missions/Public-Services/Continuing-Authorities-Program/">https://www.nae.usace.army.mil/Missions/Public-Services/Continuing-Authorities-Program/</a>
<b>Available Funding</b>	The feasibility phase is initially federally funded up to \$100,000. Any remaining feasibility phase costs are shared 50/50 with the non-federal sponsor after executing a federal cost-share agreement. Costs beyond the feasibility phase are shared as specified in the authorizing legislation for that section.
<b>Cost Sharing</b>	There is a 50/50 cost share during the feasibility phase for costs exceeding \$100,000. Additional cost share is outlined in the specified legislation for the section in which the project falls.
<b>Grant Cycle</b>	Ongoing
<b>Website</b>	<a href="https://www.nab.usace.army.mil/Missions/Civil-Works/CAP/">https://www.nab.usace.army.mil/Missions/Civil-Works/CAP/</a>
<b>Contact</b>	Tony Clark at 410-962-3413

**FOR:**

Local, State, Tribal

**PRE-/POST-DISASTER:**

Pre-Disaster

**FOCUS:**

Conservation, Flood

## DRINKING WATER STATE REVOLVING LOAN FUND

**OVERVIEW:** The 51 DWSRF programs function like infrastructure banks by providing low-interest loans to eligible recipients for drinking water infrastructure projects. As money is paid back into the state's revolving loan fund, the state makes new loans to other recipients. These recycled repayments of loan principal and interest earnings allow the state's DWSRF to "revolve" over time.

<b>Organization</b>	U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
<b>Resource Type</b>	Loan
<b>Type of Assistance</b>	Financial Assistance
<b>Eligible Applicants</b>	All 50 states and Puerto Rico. Also provides direct funding for the District of Columbia, U.S. Virgin Islands, American Samoa, Guam, and the Commonwealth of Northern Marianas.
<b>Activity Guidance</b>	More information on the eligible and restricted activities can be found in the Drinking Water State Revolving Fund Eligibility Handbook, found here: <a href="https://www.epa.gov/sites/production/files/2017-06/documents/dwsrf_eligibility_handbook_june_13_2017_updated_508_version.pdf">https://www.epa.gov/sites/production/files/2017-06/documents/dwsrf_eligibility_handbook_june_13_2017_updated_508_version.pdf</a> .
<b>Available Funding</b>	There is an annual allotment of funding available to states, tribes, and territories. This information can be found here: <a href="https://www.epa.gov/drinkingwatersrf/annual-allotment-federal-funds-states-tribes-and-territories">https://www.epa.gov/drinkingwatersrf/annual-allotment-federal-funds-states-tribes-and-territories</a> .
<b>Cost Sharing</b>	Congress appropriates funding for the DWSRF. EPA then awards capitalization grants to each state for their DWSRF based on the results of the most recent Drinking Water Infrastructure Needs Survey and Assessment. The state provides a 20% match.
<b>Grant Cycle</b>	N/A
<b>Website</b>	<a href="https://www.epa.gov/drinkingwatersrf">https://www.epa.gov/drinkingwatersrf</a>
<b>Contact</b>	Mark Smith at <a href="mailto:marks@mt.gov">marks@mt.gov</a>



**FOR:**  
State



**PRE-/POST-DISASTER:**  
Pre-Disaster



**FOCUS:**  
Water

## EMERGENCY RELIEF PROGRAM

**OVERVIEW:** Congress created a special program from the Highway Trust Fund for the repair or reconstruction of federal-aid highways and roads on federal lands that have suffered serious damage as a result of (1) natural disasters or (2) catastrophic failures from an external cause. This program, commonly referred to as the Emergency Relief (ER) program, supplements the commitment of resources by states, their political subdivisions, or other federal agencies to help pay for unusually heavy expenses resulting from extraordinary conditions. The applicability of the ER program to a natural disaster is based on the extent and intensity of the disaster.

<b>Organization</b>	U.S. Department of Transportation (DOT)
<b>Resource Type</b>	Other
<b>Type of Assistance</b>	Financial Assistance
<b>Eligible Applicants</b>	States may request ER funds to repair federal-aid highways that have been damaged by natural disasters or catastrophic failures, which can be used for “emergency repairs” and “permanent repairs.”
<b>Activity Guidance</b>	Damage to highways must be severe, occur over a wide area, and result in unusually high expenses to the highway agency. Applicability of ER to a catastrophic failure due to an external cause is based on the criteria that the failure was not the result of an inherent flaw in the facility, but was sudden, caused a disastrous impact on transportation services, and resulted in unusually high expenses to the highway agency.
<b>Available Funding</b>	\$100 million is authorized annually.
<b>Cost Sharing</b>	For interstate highways, the federal share is 90%. For all other highways, the federal share is 80%. The federal share for permanent ER repairs may amount to 90% if the combined eligible ER expenses incurred by the state in a federal fiscal year exceeds the annual apportionment of the state under 23 U.S.C. Section 104 for the fiscal year in which the disasters or failures occurred.
<b>Grant Cycle</b>	Annual
<b>Website</b>	<a href="https://www.fhwa.dot.gov/programadmin/erelief.cfm">https://www.fhwa.dot.gov/programadmin/erelief.cfm</a>
<b>Contact</b>	Katie Hulbert @ <a href="mailto:kathleen.hulbert@dot.gov">kathleen.hulbert@dot.gov</a>

The allocation of Emergency Relief funds for Fiscal Year (FY) 2020 is found here: <https://www.fhwa.dot.gov/specialfunding/er/200227distribution.cfm>



**FOR:**  
Local, State



**PRE-/POST-DISASTER:**  
Post-Disaster



**FOCUS:**  
Transportation

## EMERGENCY WATERSHED PROTECTION PROGRAM

**OVERVIEW:** The Emergency Watershed Protection (EWP) Program allows communities to quickly address serious and long-lasting damages to infrastructure and the land. The EWP Program authorities offer the Natural Resources Conservation Service the flexibility to act quickly to help local communities cope with adverse impacts resulting from natural disasters. EWP does not require a disaster declaration by federal or state officials for program assistance to begin, but ultimately partial funding must be provided by the state legislature. If funding becomes available, all funded projects must demonstrate they reduce threats to life and property; be economically, environmentally and socially sound; and must be designed to acceptable engineering standards, if applicable.

<b>Organization</b>	U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS)
<b>Resource Type</b>	Technical
<b>Type of Assistance</b>	Financial Assistance, Technical Assistance
<b>Eligible Applicants</b>	Cities, counties, towns, conservation districts, or any federally recognized Native American tribe or tribal organization.  Interested public and private landowners can apply for the EWP Program – Recovery assistance through one of those sponsors.
<b>Activity Guidance</b>	The EWP Program cannot be used: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ To address problems that existed prior to the disaster.</li> <li>▪ To improve the level of protection above the existing level at the time of the disaster.</li> <li>▪ To projects' operation and maintenance.</li> <li>▪ To repair private or public transportation facilities or utilities.</li> <li>▪ To install non-essential restoration work that will not reduce or eliminate adverse impacts from the natural disaster.</li> <li>▪ To restore projects installed by another federal agency.</li> </ul>
<b>Available Funding</b>	N/A
<b>Cost Sharing</b>	For the EWP Recovery Assistance, NRCS can pay up to 75% of the cost for eligible emergency projects. Local sponsors must acquire the remaining 25% in cash or in-kind services. For the EWP floodplain easement, no cost sharing was identified.
<b>Grant Cycle</b>	Ongoing; For emergency situations all applications must be submitted within 10 days of the disaster. For non-emergency situations all applications must be submitted within 60 days of the disaster.
<b>Website</b>	<a href="https://www.nrcs.usda.gov/wps/portal/nrcs/main/national/programs/landscape/ewpp/">https://www.nrcs.usda.gov/wps/portal/nrcs/main/national/programs/landscape/ewpp/</a>
<b>Contact</b>	Robert Molacek at <a href="mailto:Robert.molacek@usda.gov">Robert.molacek@usda.gov</a>

**FOR:**

Local, State, Tribal

**PRE-/POST-DISASTER:**

Post-Disaster

**FOCUS:**

Disaster Recovery

## ENVIRONMENTAL INFRASTRUCTURE LOAN PROGRAM

**OVERVIEW:** The Rural Community Assistance Corporation's (RCAC) Environmental Infrastructure Loan Program helps create, improve, or expand the supply of safe drinking water, waste disposal systems, and other facilities that serve communities in the rural West.

Loans are designed to supply small, rural communities with the funds needed to determine feasibility and pay pre-development costs prior to receiving state and federal program funding. RCAC also may provide interim construction financing, as well as intermediate and long-term loans for system improvements.

<b>Organization</b>	Rural Community Assistance Corporation (RCAC)
<b>Resource Type</b>	Loan
<b>Type of Assistance</b>	Financial Assistance
<b>Eligible Applicants</b>	Projects must be located in rural areas with populations of 50,000 or less in Alaska, Arizona, California, Colorado, Hawaii, Idaho, Montana, Nevada, New Mexico, Oregon, Utah, Washington, and Wyoming. Community size is limited to 10,000 for long-term USDA guaranteed loans and short-term loans for which USDA is the long-term lender. Applications will be accepted from nonprofit organizations, public agencies, and tribal governments.
<b>Activity Guidance</b>	Eligible projects include water, wastewater, solid waste and stormwater facilities that primarily serve lower-income rural communities.
<b>Available Funding</b>	Loans vary depending on the need and the loan product. Additional information is listed in the program brochure: <a href="https://www.rcac.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/09/Enviro_9-1-20.pdf">https://www.rcac.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/09/Enviro_9-1-20.pdf</a>
<b>Cost Sharing</b>	N/A
<b>Grant Cycle</b>	N/A
<b>Website</b>	<a href="https://www.rcac.org/lending/environmental-loans/">https://www.rcac.org/lending/environmental-loans/</a>
<b>Contact</b>	Jessica Scott at <a href="mailto:jscott@rcac.org">jscott@rcac.org</a>

**FOR:**

Individual, Tribal, Nonprofit

**PRE-/POST-DISASTER:**

Pre-Disaster

**FOCUS:**Water Systems,  
Essential Services

## FLOOD MITIGATION ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

**OVERVIEW:** The Flood Mitigation Assistance (FMA) program is authorized by Section 1366 of the National Flood Insurance Act of 1968, as amended, with the goal of reducing or eliminating claims under the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP). FMA provides funding to states, territories, federally recognized tribes, and local communities for projects and planning that reduces or eliminates long-term risk of flood damage to structures insured under the NFIP. FMA funding is also available for management costs. Funding is appropriated by Congress annually.

<b>Organization</b>	Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA)
<b>Resource Type</b>	Grant
<b>Type of Assistance</b>	Financial Assistance
<b>Eligible Applicants</b>	Applicants must be states, U.S. territories, federally recognized tribes, or local governments.
<b>Activity Guidance</b>	HMA Guidance can be found here: <a href="https://www.fema.gov/sites/default/files/2020-04/HMA_Guidance_FY15.pdf">https://www.fema.gov/sites/default/files/2020-04/HMA_Guidance_FY15.pdf</a> .
<b>Available Funding</b>	<p>Amount available may change per year.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Up to \$100,000 for community flood mitigation advance assistance.</li> <li>▪ Up to \$10 million for community flood mitigation projects.</li> <li>▪ \$50,000 for technical assistance for states/territories that were awarded FMA grant program funds totaling at least \$1 million in FY 2017.</li> <li>▪ \$100,000 per applicant for mitigation planning with a maximum of \$50,000 for state plans and \$25,000 for local plans.</li> </ul>
<b>Cost Sharing</b>	Federal funding is available for up to 75% of the eligible activity costs.
<b>Grant Cycle</b>	Annual; Application period opens in fall
<b>Website</b>	<a href="https://www.fema.gov/flood-mitigation-assistance-grant-program">https://www.fema.gov/flood-mitigation-assistance-grant-program</a>
<b>Contact</b>	Sara Hartley at <a href="mailto:Sara.Hartley@mt.gov">Sara.Hartley@mt.gov</a>

**CASE STUDY:** Following devastating flooding from the Big Blue River in 1973, the city of Beatrice, Nebraska, began the process of acquiring flood-damaged properties and other mitigation efforts to avoid current and future losses due to flooding. Beatrice secured FEMA funding through the Flood Mitigation Assistance program as well as other FEMA programs and federal grant programs. Through proactive mitigation efforts, Beatrice was able to avoid significant future losses during a large flood event in 2015.

More information can be found here: <https://arcg.is/1mvOie>.


**FOR:**

Local, State, Tribal


**PRE-/POST-DISASTER:**

Pre-Disaster


**FOCUS:**

Flood



## HAZARD MITIGATION GRANT PROGRAM

**OVERVIEW:** The purpose of the Hazard Mitigation Grant Program (HMGP) is to help communities implement statewide hazard mitigation measures following a presidential major disaster declaration in a state, tribe, or territory requested by the governor or tribal executive. The key purpose of this grant program is to enact mitigation measures that reduce the risk of loss of life and property from future disasters.

<b>Organization</b>	Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA)
<b>Resource Type</b>	Grant
<b>Type of Assistance</b>	Financial Assistance
<b>Eligible Applicants</b>	In general, individuals, businesses, and private nonprofits via local governments can apply for HMGP funding. Individuals may not apply directly for HMGP funding but may be sponsored through an appropriate sub-applicant via a local government, state agency, tribe or tribal agency, or private nonprofit. Applications are submitted to the state, eligible tribe, or territory, which receives HMGP funds from FEMA.
<b>Activity Guidance</b>	Guidance can be found at <a href="https://www.fema.gov/grants/mitigation/hazard-mitigation/before-you-apply">https://www.fema.gov/grants/mitigation/hazard-mitigation/before-you-apply</a> . Additional guidance for Montana organizations is available at <a href="http://readyandsafe.mt.gov/Home/Articles/hazard-mitigation-grant">http://readyandsafe.mt.gov/Home/Articles/hazard-mitigation-grant</a> .
<b>Available Funding</b>	Funding is based on the disaster declaration.
<b>Cost Sharing</b>	Matching requirements are up to 75% for a federal match and a minimum of 25% for a non-federal match. Note that funding from other federal sources cannot be used for the 25% share with one exception: Funding provided to states, tribes, or territories under the Community Development Block Grant program from the Department of Housing and Urban Development can be used to meet the non-federal share requirement.
<b>Grant Cycle</b>	After presidential declaration; Application must be submitted within 12 months of the declaration
<b>Website</b>	<a href="https://www.fema.gov/grants/mitigation/hazard-mitigation">https://www.fema.gov/grants/mitigation/hazard-mitigation</a>
<b>Contact</b>	Donna Boreck at <a href="mailto:donna.boreck@fema.dhs.gov">donna.boreck@fema.dhs.gov</a> (FEMA) or Sara Hartley at <a href="mailto:sara.hartley@mt.gov">sara.hartley@mt.gov</a> (MT)

**CASE STUDY:** When the Quail Creek Dam blew on New Year's Eve 1989, the disaster that followed in southern Utah not only changed the course of the Virgin River, but it also changed the course of the city of St. George. HMGP funds were used to acquire property along the badly damaged riverbanks of the Virgin River to stop further development. The city now has a trail system that has expanded to 43 miles and has created a new, vibrant social mentality, and many economic opportunities for the community. The trail is also a "service road" for a city sewer line and for fire protection access.

**FOR:**

Individual, Local, State, Tribal

**PRE-/POST-DISASTER:**

Post-Disaster

**FOCUS:**

Mitigation

## HAZARD MITIGATION GRANT PROGRAM POST FIRE

**OVERVIEW:** FEMA's Hazard Mitigation Grant Program has Post Fire assistance available to help communities implement hazard mitigation measures after wildfire disasters. Fire Management Assistance is available to states, local and tribal governments, for the mitigation, management, and control of fires on publicly or privately owned forests or grasslands, which threaten such destruction as would constitute a major disaster.

<b>Organization</b>	Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA)
<b>Resource Type</b>	Grant
<b>Type of Assistance</b>	Financial Assistance
<b>Eligible Applicants</b>	States, territories, and tribes in an area affected by a fire for which assistance was provided under a Fire Management Assistance Grant for declarations issued on or after October 5, 2018, can apply.
<b>Activity Guidance</b>	Eligible project types include defensible space measures, ignition-resistant construction, hazardous fuels reduction, erosion control measures, slope failure prevention measures, and flash flooding measures.
<b>Available Funding</b>	Funding is based on the disaster declaration.
<b>Cost Sharing</b>	N/A
<b>Grant Cycle</b>	After a Fire and Management Assistance Grant (FMAG) declaration; Application period opens after first declaration of the fiscal year
<b>Website</b>	<a href="https://www.fema.gov/grants/mitigation/post-fire">https://www.fema.gov/grants/mitigation/post-fire</a>
<b>Contact</b>	Nancy Dragani at <a href="mailto:Nancy.dragani@fema.dhs.gov">Nancy.dragani@fema.dhs.gov</a> (FEMA) or Sara Hartley at <a href="mailto:sara.hartley@mt.gov">sara.hartley@mt.gov</a> (MT)



**FOR:**  
Local, State, Tribal



**PRE-/POST-DISASTER:**  
Post-Disaster



**FOCUS:**  
Wildfire, Mitigation

## HIGH HAZARD POTENTIAL DAM GRANT PROGRAM

**OVERVIEW:** The President signed the “Water Infrastructure Improvements for the Nation Act” or the “WIIN Act”, on December 16, 2016, which amends the National Dam Safety Program Act (Pub. L. 92-367) by adding a new grant program. Section 5006 of the Act, Rehabilitation of High Hazard Potential Dams, provides technical, planning, design, and construction assistance in the form of grants to non-Federal sponsors for rehabilitation of eligible high hazard potential dams (33 USC §467f-2).

<b>Organization</b>	Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA)
<b>Resource Type</b>	Grant
<b>Type of Assistance</b>	Financial Assistance, Technical Assistance
<b>Eligible Applicants</b>	A state or territory with an enacted dam safety program, the State Administrative Agency, or an equivalent state agency, is eligible to apply for the High Hazard Potential Dam (HHPD) grant. Each eligible state may submit only one HHPD grant application.
<b>Activity Guidance</b>	Eligible activities include: 1) repair, 2) removal or 3) structural / nonstructural rehabilitation of eligible high hazard potential dams.
<b>Available Funding</b>	FEMA was appropriated \$22 million to implement the Rehabilitation of HHPD Grant Program for Fiscal Year 2022.
<b>Cost Sharing</b>	A grant under this program should not exceed the lesser of (i) 12.5% of the total amount of funds made available; or (ii) \$7.5 million.  Non-federal cost share requirement of not less than 35%, which may partially or fully be in-kind.
<b>Grant Cycle</b>	Annual
<b>Website</b>	<a href="https://www.fema.gov/emergency-managers/risk-management/dam-safety/grants">https://www.fema.gov/emergency-managers/risk-management/dam-safety/grants</a>
<b>Contact</b>	Dan Ryan at <a href="mailto:Daniel.p.ryan@fema.dhs.gov">Daniel.p.ryan@fema.dhs.gov</a>

The allocation of High Hazard Potential Dam Grant awards for Fiscal Year (FY) 2020 is found here:  
<https://www.fema.gov/emergency-managers-management/dam-safety/grants/high-hazard-potential-dam-awards>



**FOR:**  
State



**PRE-/POST-DISASTER:**  
Pre-Disaster



**FOCUS:**  
Dam, Flood

## HUMAN, DISASTER, AND THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT

**OVERVIEW:** The Humans, Disasters, and the Built Environment (HDBE) program supports fundamental, multidisciplinary research on the interactions between humans and the built environment within and among communities exposed to natural, technological and other types of hazards and disasters. The program's context is provided by ongoing and emerging changes in three interwoven elements of a community: its population, its built environment (critical infrastructures, physical and virtual spaces, and buildings and related structures) and the hazards and disasters to which it is exposed. The HDBE program seeks research that integrates these elements and that can contribute to theories that hold over a broad range of scales and conditions. Examples include but are not limited to unified frameworks and theoretical models that encompass non-hazard to extreme hazard and disaster conditions, theoretical and empirical studies that consider how interactions between a community's population and its built environment may suppress or amplify hazard exposure or its effects, and studies that seek to inform scholarship through the development of shared data and related resources.

<b>Organization</b>	National Science Foundation (NSF)
<b>Resource Type</b>	Grant
<b>Type of Assistance</b>	Financial Assistance, Technical Assistance
<b>Eligible Applicants</b>	Unrestricted
<b>Activity Guidance</b>	Information on the application process can be found here: <a href="https://www.nsf.gov/pubs/policydocs/pappg22_1/nsf22_1.pdf">https://www.nsf.gov/pubs/policydocs/pappg22_1/nsf22_1.pdf</a> .
<b>Available Funding</b>	N/A
<b>Cost Sharing</b>	N/A
<b>Grant Cycle</b>	N/A
<b>Website</b>	<a href="https://beta.nsf.gov/funding/opportunities/humans-disasters-and-built-environment-hdbe">https://beta.nsf.gov/funding/opportunities/humans-disasters-and-built-environment-hdbe</a>
<b>Contact</b>	Daan Liang at <a href="mailto:dliang@nsf.gov">dliang@nsf.gov</a>

**FOR:**

Local, State, Tribal, Non-profit

**PRE-/POST-DISASTER:**

Pre-Disaster

**FOCUS:**

Community Resilience

## INCREASED COST OF COMPLIANCE

**OVERVIEW:** The Increased Cost of Compliance (ICC) helps National Flood Insurance Program policyholders with the costs incurred if they are required by the community building department to meet rebuilding standards after a flood. It provides up to \$30,000 to help pay for relocating, elevating, demolishing, and floodproofing (non-residential buildings), or any combination of these mitigation activities.

<b>Organization</b>	Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA)
<b>Resource Type</b>	Grant
<b>Type of Assistance</b>	Financial Assistance
<b>Eligible Applicants</b>	You are eligible to file a claim with ICC if: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1) You have an NFIP flood insurance policy; and</li> <li>2) Your community building department determines your home is substantially or repetitively damaged by flooding; and</li> <li>3) The flood damage to your home is equal to 50% of the pre-flood market value.</li> </ol>
<b>Activity Guidance</b>	ICC guidance can be found here: <a href="https://www.fema.gov/sites/default/files/2020-11/fema_p1080_icc_faq_20170817.pdf">https://www.fema.gov/sites/default/files/2020-11/fema_p1080_icc_faq_20170817.pdf</a>
<b>Available Funding</b>	Up to \$30,000
<b>Cost Sharing</b>	N/A
<b>Grant Cycle</b>	After declaration from a local floodplain administrator
<b>Website</b>	<a href="https://www.fema.gov/floodplain-management/financial-help/increased-cost-compliance">https://www.fema.gov/floodplain-management/financial-help/increased-cost-compliance</a>
<b>Contact</b>	Your local insurance carrier



**FOR:**  
Individual



**PRE-/POST-DISASTER:**  
Post-Disaster



**FOCUS:**  
FLOOD

## PUBLIC ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

**OVERVIEW:** The FEMA Public Assistance (PA) program provides grants to state, territorial, Indian tribal, and local governments, and certain types of private nonprofit (PNP) organizations so that communities can quickly respond to and recover from major disasters or emergencies declared by the president.

Through the program, FEMA provides supplemental federal disaster grant assistance for debris removal; life-saving emergency protective measures; and the repair, replacement, or restoration of disaster-damaged publicly owned facilities, and the facilities of certain PNPs. The PA program also encourages protection of these damaged facilities from future events by providing assistance for cost-effective hazard mitigation measures during the recovery process.

<b>Organization</b>	Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA)
<b>Resource Type</b>	Grant
<b>Type of Assistance</b>	Financial Assistance
<b>Eligible Applicants</b>	Eligible applicants include states, federally recognized tribal governments (including Alaska Native villages and organizations as long as they are not privately owned), U.S. territories, local governments, and certain private nonprofit organizations.
<b>Activity Guidance</b>	Mitigation funding is generally only available for eligible disaster-damaged facilities. Must directly reduce the potential of future, similar damage to the facility. Must be cost-effective, technically feasible, and compliant with environmental and historic preservation laws, regulations, and executive orders.
<b>Available Funding</b>	Mitigation funding limits are determined based on benefit-cost analysis or as a percentage of the damaged facility's repair cost.
<b>Cost Sharing</b>	The federal share of assistance is not less than 75% of the eligible cost.
<b>Grant Cycle</b>	After presidential declaration of an emergency or major disaster
<b>Website</b>	<a href="https://www.fema.gov/assistance/public">https://www.fema.gov/assistance/public</a>
<b>Contact</b>	Amanda Ratliff at <a href="mailto:Amanda.ratliff@fema.dhs.gov">Amanda.ratliff@fema.dhs.gov</a>



**FOR:**  
Local, State, Tribal



**PRE-/POST-DISASTER:**  
Post-Disaster



**FOCUS:**  
Disaster Recovery

## PARTNERS FOR PLACES

**OVERVIEW:** A successful matching grant program, Partners for Places creates opportunities for cities and counties in the United States and Canada to improve communities by building partnerships between local government sustainability offices and place-based foundations.

Partners for Places aims to enhance local capacity to build equitable and sustainable communities in the United States and Canada. The fund does this by requiring local government and local foundation partnerships, and by pairing national and local philanthropic funding sources. These one-to-one matching awards support the planning and implementing of urban sustainability and green stormwater infrastructure projects.

These sustainability efforts take place from coast to coast, in communities both large and small, and focus largely on empowering and engaging low-income neighborhoods.

<b>Organization</b>	Funders' Network
<b>Resource Type</b>	Grant
<b>Type of Assistance</b>	Financial Assistance
<b>Eligible Applicants</b>	See application for eligibility.
<b>Activity Guidance</b>	N/A
<b>Available Funding</b>	The grant program provides partnership investments between \$25,000 and \$75,000 for one-year projects, or between \$50,000 and \$150,000 for two-year projects.
<b>Cost Sharing</b>	1:1 match required by one or more local foundations.
<b>Grant Cycle</b>	Two Applications Rounds Per Year; Applications will likely open in Q1 and Q3
<b>Website</b>	<a href="https://www.fundersnetwork.org/partners-for-places/">https://www.fundersnetwork.org/partners-for-places/</a>
<b>Contact</b>	Ashley Quintana at <a href="mailto:ashley@fundersnetwork.org">ashley@fundersnetwork.org</a>



**FOR:**  
Local



**PRE-/POST-DISASTER:**  
Pre-Disaster



**FOCUS:**  
Water, Conservation



## REHABILITATION AND INSPECTION PROGRAM

**OVERVIEW:** The USACE has authority under Public Law (PL) 84-99 to supplement local efforts to repair flood control projects after they get damaged during a flood. The USACE must carefully balance many things in carrying out this authority, such as the needs of the local community, sensitivity to the environment, sound engineering judgment for the proper functioning of the flood control works (FCWs), and proper stewardship of taxpayer dollars. In light of all these competing interests, the USACE has developed a program called the Rehabilitation and Inspection Program, which specifically defines the types of projects eligible for assistance and specifies the ongoing operation and maintenance requirements for the FCWs that qualify.

<b>Organization</b>	U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE)
<b>Resource Type</b>	Technical
<b>Type of Assistance</b>	Technical Assistance
<b>Eligible Applicants</b>	The criteria for assistance, and therefore any restrictions on what is not eligible for assistance, is found here: <a href="https://www.nwo.usace.army.mil/Media/Fact-Sheets/Fact-Sheet-Article-View/Article/487603/rehabilitation-inspection-program/">https://www.nwo.usace.army.mil/Media/Fact-Sheets/Fact-Sheet-Article-View/Article/487603/rehabilitation-inspection-program/</a> .
<b>Activity Guidance</b>	The criteria for assistance, and therefore any restrictions on what is not eligible for assistance, is found here: <a href="https://www.nwo.usace.army.mil/Media/Fact-Sheets/Fact-Sheet-Article-View/Article/487603/rehabilitation-inspection-program/">https://www.nwo.usace.army.mil/Media/Fact-Sheets/Fact-Sheet-Article-View/Article/487603/rehabilitation-inspection-program/</a> .
<b>Available Funding</b>	N/A
<b>Cost Sharing</b>	For non-federal flood control works, the cost share is 80% federal/ 20% non-federal for repairs. For federally constructed flood control works, it is 100% federal funds.
<b>Grant Cycle</b>	N/A
<b>Website</b>	<a href="https://www.nwo.usace.army.mil/Media/Fact-Sheets/Fact-Sheet-Article-View/Article/487603/rehabilitation-inspection-program/">https://www.nwo.usace.army.mil/Media/Fact-Sheets/Fact-Sheet-Article-View/Article/487603/rehabilitation-inspection-program/</a>
<b>Contact</b>	Omaha District, (402) 995-2448

**FOR:**

Local, State, Tribal

**PRE-/POST-DISASTER:**

Post-Disaster

**FOCUS:**

Disaster Recovery, Flood

## RENEWABLE RESOURCE GRANTS AND LOANS PROGRAM (GRANT)

**OVERVIEW:** The purpose of the Renewable Resources Grants and Loans (RRGL) Planning Grant Program is to provide a source of loan funding to governmental entities, including Irrigation Districts, for projects that provide for or improve the conservation, management, development, or protection of Montana's renewable resources.

<b>Organization</b>	Montana Department of Natural Resources and Conservation
<b>Resource Type</b>	Grant
<b>Type of Assistance</b>	Financial Assistance
<b>Eligible Applicants</b>	Political subdivisions of state; local and tribal government including state agencies and universities; counties; incorporated cities and towns; conservation districts; irrigation districts; water/sewer/solid water districts; and tribes.
<b>Activity Guidance</b>	Projects that conserve, manage, develop, or preserve Montana's renewable resources are eligible for funding. Numerous public facility projects including drinking water, wastewater, and solid waste development and improvement projects have received funding through this program. Other renewable resource projects that have been funded include irrigation rehabilitation, dam repair, soil and water conservation and forest enhancement.
<b>Available Funding</b>	\$125,000 per project
<b>Cost Sharing</b>	N/A
<b>Grant Cycle</b>	Biennial
<b>Website</b>	<a href="http://dnrc.mt.gov/divisions/cardd/resource-development/renewable-resource-grant-program">http://dnrc.mt.gov/divisions/cardd/resource-development/renewable-resource-grant-program</a>
<b>Contact</b>	Lindsay Volpe at <a href="mailto:lmvolpe@mt.gov">lmvolpe@mt.gov</a>



**FOR:**  
Local, Tribal



**PRE-/POST-DISASTER:**  
Pre-Disaster



**FOCUS:**  
Grant Support

## RENEWABLE RESOURCE GRANTS AND LOANS PROGRAM (LOAN)

**OVERVIEW:** The purpose of the RRGL Planning Grant Program is to provide funding to governmental entities for professional and technical services necessary to produce a high-quality RRGL grant application leading to a project that conserves, manages, develops, or protects Montana’s renewable resources.

<b>Organization</b>	Montana Department of Natural Resources and Conservation
<b>Resource Type</b>	Loan
<b>Type of Assistance</b>	Financial Assistance
<b>Eligible Applicants</b>	Political subdivisions of state; local and tribal government including state agencies and universities; counties; incorporated cities and towns; conservation districts; irrigation districts; water/sewer/solid water districts; and tribes.
<b>Activity Guidance</b>	The program provides a source of loan funding for public infrastructure projects that are not eligible for funding through the State Revolving Fund or other loan programs but do provide renewable resource benefits.
<b>Available Funding</b>	Loans are limited by the applicant’s debt capacity.
<b>Cost Sharing</b>	N/A
<b>Grant Cycle</b>	N/A
<b>Website</b>	<a href="http://dnrc.mt.gov/divisions/cardd/resource-development/renewable-resource-grant-program">http://dnrc.mt.gov/divisions/cardd/resource-development/renewable-resource-grant-program</a>
<b>Contact</b>	Lindsay Volpe at <a href="mailto:lmvolpe@mt.gov">lmvolpe@mt.gov</a>



**FOR:**  
Local, Tribal



**PRE-/POST-DISASTER:**  
Pre-Disaster



**FOCUS:**  
Grant Support

## SECTION 108 LOAN GUARANTEE PROGRAM

**OVERVIEW:** The Section 108 Loan Guarantee Program (Section 108), of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974, provides communities with a source of financing for economic development, housing rehabilitation, public facilities, and other physical development projects, including improvements to increase their resilience against natural disasters. The flexibility of the program makes it one of the most important public investment tools that HUD offers to state and local governments. Section 108 offers state and local governments the ability to transform a small portion of their Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds into federally guaranteed loans large enough to pursue physical and economic revitalization projects capable of revitalizing entire neighborhoods.

<b>Organization</b>	U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development
<b>Resource Type</b>	Loan
<b>Type of Assistance</b>	Financial Assistance
<b>Eligible Applicants</b>	States, metropolitan cities and urban counties (i.e., CDBG entitlement recipients), non-entitlement communities that are assisted in the submission of applications by states that administer the CDBG program, Non-entitlement communities eligible to receive CDBG funds under the HUD-Administered Small Cities CDBG program (Hawaii). The public entity may be the borrower or it may designate a public agency as the borrower.
<b>Activity Guidance</b>	Section 108 can fund economic development, housing, public facilities, infrastructure, and other physical development projects, including improvements to increase their resilience against natural disasters. This flexibility of uses makes it one of the most potent and important public investment tools that HUD offers to states and local governments.
<b>Available Funding</b>	In 2022, \$169,545,360 was allocated to FEMA Region 5 states. Availability of funding can be found here: <a href="https://www.hudexchange.info/resource/5197/current-availability-of-section-108-financing-cdbg-entitlement-and-State-grantees/">https://www.hudexchange.info/resource/5197/current-availability-of-section-108-financing-cdbg-entitlement-and-State-grantees/</a>
<b>Cost Sharing</b>	N/A
<b>Grant Cycle</b>	N/A
<b>Website</b>	<a href="https://www.hudexchange.info/programs/section-108/">https://www.hudexchange.info/programs/section-108/</a>
<b>Contact</b>	Paul Webster at <a href="mailto:paul.webster@hud.gov">paul.webster@hud.gov</a>



**FOR:**  
Local, State



**PRE-/POST-DISASTER:**  
Pre-Disaster



**FOCUS:**  
Resilience, Essential Services

## SMALL FLOOD CONTROL PROJECTS

**OVERVIEW:** The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers has the authority, provided by Section 205 of the 1948 Flood Control Act, as amended, to plan, design, and construct certain small flood control projects that have not already been specifically authorized by Congress. Both structural (levees, channels, or dams, for instance) and nonstructural (floodproofing or evacuation, for example) solutions are considered. Studies are required to evaluate potential projects. Each project selected must be economically justified; that is, the benefits resulting from constructing a project must exceed the cost incurred to construct the project. It also must be environmentally acceptable and complete within itself. In addition, each separate project is limited to a total federal cost of not more than \$10 million, including studies, design, and implementation.

<b>Organization</b>	U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE)
<b>Resource Type</b>	Technical
<b>Type of Assistance</b>	Technical Assistance, Financial Assistance
<b>Eligible Applicants</b>	Non-Federal Authority
<b>Activity Guidance</b>	Each project selected must be economically justified; that is, the benefits resulting from constructing a project must exceed the cost incurred to construct the project. It also must be environmentally acceptable and complete within itself.
<b>Available Funding</b>	Each separate project is limited to a total federal cost of not more than \$10 million, including studies, design, and implementation.
<b>Cost Sharing</b>	Initial federally funded portion up to \$100,000, and a cost-shared portion in which study costs in excess of \$100,000 will be shared 50/50 with the non-federal sponsor. Once a project is approved, the non-federal sponsor must provide a minimum of 35% of costs for design and implementation, but not to exceed 50% of total project costs. At least 5% of the total cost must be contributed in cash.
<b>Grant Cycle</b>	A Section 205 study may be initiated after receipt of a formal request from the prospective sponsoring agency.
<b>Website</b>	<a href="https://www.nwo.usace.army.mil/Media/Fact-Sheets/Fact-Sheet-Article-View/Article/487649/sample-section-205-request-letter/">https://www.nwo.usace.army.mil/Media/Fact-Sheets/Fact-Sheet-Article-View/Article/487649/sample-section-205-request-letter/</a>
<b>Contact</b>	Nate Wallerstedt at <a href="mailto:nathan.h.wallerstedt@usace.army.mil">nathan.h.wallerstedt@usace.army.mil</a>

**FOR:**

Local, State, Tribal

**PRE-/POST-DISASTER:**

Pre-Disaster

**FOCUS:**

Flood

## STATE ENERGY PROGRAM

**OVERVIEW:** Provides funding through formula and competitive grants, as well as technical assistance, to states, territories, and the District of Columbia to implement energy security, resiliency, and emergency preparedness plans and develop state-led strategic energy initiatives.

<b>Organization</b>	U.S. Department of Energy (DOE)
<b>Resource Type</b>	Multiple
<b>Type of Assistance</b>	Financial Assistance, Technical Assistance
<b>Eligible Applicants</b>	States, U.S. territories, and the District of Columbia
<b>Activity Guidance</b>	Application criteria can be found here: <a href="https://www.energy.gov/sites/default/files/2022-03/py22-sep-formula-grant-application-instructions.pdf">https://www.energy.gov/sites/default/files/2022-03/py22-sep-formula-grant-application-instructions.pdf</a> .
<b>Available Funding</b>	N/A
<b>Cost Sharing</b>	States must contribute matching funds (cash, in-kind, or both) in an amount no less than 20% of their total federal formula award each year in their application.
<b>Grant Cycle</b>	Annual
<b>Website</b>	<a href="https://www.energy.gov/eere/wipo/state-energy-program">https://www.energy.gov/eere/wipo/state-energy-program</a>
<b>Contact</b>	Randall Lamp at <a href="mailto:randall.lamp@ee.doe.gov">randall.lamp@ee.doe.gov</a>

**CASE STUDY:** With financial assistance from the U.S. Department of Energy (DOE), the Montana State Energy Program (MTSEP) launched the Saving Money and Resources Today (SMART) Schools Challenge, a friendly competition to help school districts reduce energy and save money. Since the launch of the challenge, 113 participating school districts have saved more than \$350,000 in energy costs.



**FOR:**  
State



**PRE-/POST-DISASTER:**  
Pre-Disaster



**FOCUS:**  
Renewable Energy

## WATER AND WASTE DISPOSAL LOAN AND GRANT PROGRAM

**OVERVIEW:** This program provides funding for clean and reliable drinking water systems, sanitary sewage disposal, sanitary solid waste disposal, and storm water drainage to households and businesses in eligible rural areas.

<b>Organization</b>	U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) Rural Housing Service
<b>Resource Type</b>	Grant, Loan
<b>Type of Assistance</b>	Financial Assistance
<b>Eligible Applicants</b>	Qualified applicants who are not otherwise able to obtain commercial credit on reasonable terms in rural areas and towns with populations of 10,000 or less. Eligible applicants include most state and local governmental entities; private nonprofits; and federally recognized tribes.
<b>Activity Guidance</b>	<p>Funds may be used to finance the acquisition, construction, or improvement of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Drinking water sourcing, treatment, storage, and distribution.</li> <li>▪ Sewer collection, transmission, treatment, and disposal.</li> <li>▪ Solid waste collection, disposal, and closure.</li> <li>▪ Storm water collection, transmission, and disposal.</li> </ul> <p>In some cases, funding may also be available for related activities such as:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Legal and engineering fees</li> <li>▪ Land acquisition, water and land rights, permits and equipment</li> <li>▪ Start-up operations and maintenance</li> <li>▪ Interest incurred during construction</li> <li>▪ Purchase of facilities to improve service or prevent loss of service</li> <li>▪ Other costs determined to be necessary for completion of the project</li> </ul> <p>See 7 CFR Part 1780.7 and 1780.9 for a complete list of uses and restrictions for this program.</p>
<b>Available Funding</b>	N/A
<b>Cost Sharing</b>	N/A
<b>Grant Cycle</b>	Ongoing; Applications are accepted year-round
<b>Website</b>	<a href="https://www.rd.usda.gov/programs-services/water-waste-disposal-loan-grant-program">https://www.rd.usda.gov/programs-services/water-waste-disposal-loan-grant-program</a>
<b>Contact</b>	Kathleen Williams (406) 585-2580

**FOR:**

Local, State, Tribal, Nonprofit

**PRE-/POST-DISASTER:**

Pre-Disaster

**FOCUS:**

Water Systems



## WATER INFRASTRUCTURE FINANCE AND INNOVATION ACT PROGRAM

**OVERVIEW:** The Water Infrastructure Finance and Innovation Act (WIFIA) program accelerates investment in our nation's water infrastructure by providing long-term, low-cost supplemental loans for regionally and nationally significant projects. The program funds development and implementation activities for eligible water and wastewater infrastructure projects, including enhanced energy efficiency projects at water facilities.

<b>Organization</b>	U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA)
<b>Resource Type</b>	Loan
<b>Type of Assistance</b>	Financial Assistance
<b>Eligible Applicants</b>	<p>Eligible borrowers are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Local, state, tribal, and federal government entities.</li> <li>▪ Partnerships and joint ventures.</li> <li>▪ Corporations and trusts.</li> <li>▪ Clean Water and Drinking Water State Revolving Fund programs.</li> </ul>
<b>Activity Guidance</b>	<p>Eligible projects are described here:</p> <p><a href="https://www.epa.gov/sites/default/files/2020-05/documents/application_process_final.pdf">https://www.epa.gov/sites/default/files/2020-05/documents/application_process_final.pdf</a>.</p>
<b>Available Funding</b>	N/A
<b>Cost Sharing</b>	N/A
<b>Grant Cycle</b>	N/A
<b>Website</b>	<a href="https://www.epa.gov/wifia">https://www.epa.gov/wifia</a>
<b>Contact</b>	EPA Region 8 Brian Friel at <a href="mailto:friel.brian@epa.gov">friel.brian@epa.gov</a>

**FOR:**

Individual, Local, State,  
Tribal, Nonprofit

**PRE-/POST-DISASTER:**

Pre-Disaster

**FOCUS:**

Water

## WEATHERIZATION ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

**OVERVIEW:** The Montana Weatherization Assistance Program (WAP) is designed to help low-income residents save fuel and money, while increasing the comfort of their homes. Its mission is to insulate the dwellings of low-income persons, particularly the elderly, persons with disabilities, families with children, high residential energy users, and households with a high energy burden, to conserve needed energy and aid those persons least able to afford higher utility costs.

<b>Organization</b>	U.S. Department of Energy (DOE)
<b>Resource Type</b>	Grant
<b>Type of Assistance</b>	Financial Assistance, Technical Assistance
<b>Eligible Applicants</b>	Under DOE guidelines, households at or below 200% of the poverty income guidelines are considered eligible for weatherization services or if they receive <u>Supplemental Security Income</u> or Aid to Families with Dependent Children. In addition, each state or territory may elect to use the U.S. Department of Health & Human Services (HHS) <u>Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP)</u> criteria of 60% of state-median income.
<b>Activity Guidance</b>	<p>Application criteria can be found here: <a href="https://www.energy.gov/eere/wap/how-apply-weatherization-assistance#states">https://www.energy.gov/eere/wap/how-apply-weatherization-assistance#states</a>.</p> <p>Montana WAP Policy Manual can be found here: <a href="https://dphhs.mt.gov/Portals/85/hcsd/documents/lieap/WeatherizationManual.pdf">https://dphhs.mt.gov/Portals/85/hcsd/documents/lieap/WeatherizationManual.pdf</a></p>
<b>Available Funding</b>	N/A
<b>Cost Sharing</b>	N/A
<b>Grant Cycle</b>	Annual
<b>Website</b>	<p><a href="https://www.energy.gov/eere/wap/about-weatherization-assistance-program">https://www.energy.gov/eere/wap/about-weatherization-assistance-program</a></p> <p>Additional guidance for Montana's Weatherization Assistance Program is available at <a href="https://dphhs.mt.gov/hcsd/energyassistance">https://dphhs.mt.gov/hcsd/energyassistance</a>.</p>
<b>Contact</b>	Energy Assistance Eligibility Offices: <a href="https://dphhs.mt.gov/hcsd/energyassistance/lieapoffices">https://dphhs.mt.gov/hcsd/energyassistance/lieapoffices</a>



**FOR:**  
Individual



**PRE-/POST-DISASTER:**  
Pre-Disaster



**FOCUS:**  
Renewable Energy

# WATERSHEDS AND NATURAL RESOURCES FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES

## AQUATIC INVASIVE SPECIES GRANT PROGRAM

**OVERVIEW:** The Montana Department of Natural Resources and Conservation, in coordination with the Montana Invasive Species Councils, offers state-funded grants for the prevention and control of aquatic invasive species (AIS). The goal of the grants is to protect the natural resources of Montana from severe and unacceptable damage from AIS by increasing local capacity and involvement to address AIS issues.

<b>Organization</b>	Montana Department of Natural Resources and Conservation
<b>Resource Type</b>	Grant
<b>Type of Assistance</b>	Financial Assistance
<b>Eligible Applicants</b>	Montana communities or local, state, tribal, or other entities within the state and to Montana-based non-governmental organizations.
<b>Activity Guidance</b>	Projects that address AIS management include prevention, early detection, education and outreach, research, and treatment.
<b>Available Funding</b>	\$50,000 per project.
<b>Cost Sharing</b>	N/A
<b>Grant Cycle</b>	Annual; Application period likely to open in Q1
<b>Website</b>	<a href="https://invasivespecies.mt.gov//montana-invasive-species/Aquatic-Invasive-Species-Grant-Program">https://invasivespecies.mt.gov//montana-invasive-species/Aquatic-Invasive-Species-Grant-Program</a>
<b>Contact</b>	Liz Lodman at <a href="mailto:liz.lodman@mt.gov">liz.lodman@mt.gov</a>

The Allocation of Aquatic Invasive Species Grant Program Funds for Fiscal Year (FY) 2020 is found here: <https://invasivespecies.mt.gov/Portals/220/misc/documents/grant-awards/2020%20AIS%20Grant%20Awards%20Approved.pdf?ver=2020-07-21-170501-647>

**FOR:**

Local, State, Tribal

**PRE-/POST-DISASTER:**

Pre-Disaster

**FOCUS:**

Invasive Species

## CLEAN WATER STATE REVOLVING LOAN FUND

**OVERVIEW:** The Clean Water State Revolving Loan Fund (CWSRF) program is a federal-state partnership that provides communities with a permanent, independent source of low-cost financing for a wide range of water quality infrastructure projects. The program's flexibility and broad range of project eligibilities enable states to target CWSRF funds to their specific water quality priorities. State innovation and statutory changes have resulted in an evolution of project eligibilities since the program was authorized in 1987.

<b>Organization</b>	U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA)
<b>Resource Type</b>	Loan
<b>Type of Assistance</b>	Financial Assistance, Technical Assistance
<b>Eligible Applicants</b>	N/A
<b>Activity Guidance</b>	Information on restrictions can be found in the Drinking Water State Revolving Fund Eligibility Handbook, found here: <a href="https://www.epa.gov/sites/production/files/2017-06/documents/dwsrf_eligibility_handbook_june_13_2017_updated_508_version.pdf">https://www.epa.gov/sites/production/files/2017-06/documents/dwsrf_eligibility_handbook_june_13_2017_updated_508_version.pdf</a>
<b>Available Funding</b>	Varies depending on state or disaster. More information on historic available funds can be found here: <a href="https://www.epa.gov/drinkingwatersrf/annual-allotment-federal-funds-states-tribes-and-territories#tab-9">https://www.epa.gov/drinkingwatersrf/annual-allotment-federal-funds-states-tribes-and-territories#tab-9</a>
<b>Cost Sharing</b>	N/A
<b>Grant Cycle</b>	N/A
<b>Website</b>	<a href="https://www.epa.gov/cwsrf">https://www.epa.gov/cwsrf</a>
<b>Contact</b>	Brian Friel (EPA Region 8) at <a href="mailto:friel.brian@epa.gov">friel.brian@epa.gov</a>

**FOR:**

Local, State, Nonprofit

**PRE-/POST-DISASTER:**

Post-Disaster

**FOCUS:**

Water Quality

## CLIMATE ADAPTATION FUND

**OVERVIEW:** The Wildlife Conservation Society (WCS) Climate Adaptation Fund provides grant awards to conservation nonprofits across the United States to catalyze innovative, science-driven projects responding to the impacts of climate change on wildlife and people.

<b>Organization</b>	Wildlife Conservation Society (WCS)
<b>Resource Type</b>	Grant
<b>Type of Assistance</b>	Financial Assistance
<b>Eligible Applicants</b>	This program provides grants to U.S.-based nonprofit conservation organizations with approved IRS 501(c)(3) status. Nonprofit conservation organizations without a 501(c)(3) status may apply through another 501(c)(3) conservation organization as a fiscal sponsor.
<b>Activity Guidance</b>	N/A
<b>Available Funding</b>	\$50,000 to \$250,000 per project. Up to \$2.5 million in competitive grants in 2022.
<b>Cost Sharing</b>	The WCS Climate Adaptation Fund requires a minimum 1:1 match. Matching funds may be “in-kind”; i.e., a contribution of goods, staff time, or services rather than cash, but only to a maximum of 50% of requested funds from WCS.
<b>Grant Cycle</b>	Annual; Applications likely to open in Q1
<b>Website</b>	<a href="https://www.wcsclimateadaptationfund.org/">https://www.wcsclimateadaptationfund.org/</a>
<b>Contact</b>	Liz Tully at <a href="mailto:etully@wcs.org">etully@wcs.org</a> or Dr. Molly Cross at <a href="mailto:mcross@wcs.org">mcross@wcs.org</a>



**FOR:**  
Nonprofit



**PRE-/POST-DISASTER:**  
Pre-Disaster



**FOCUS:**  
Resilience

## CONSERVATION RESERVE PROGRAM

**OVERVIEW:** The Farm Service Agency (FSA) administers the Conservation Reserve Program (CRP), a land conservation program. In exchange for a yearly rental payment, farmers enrolled in the program agree to remove environmentally sensitive land from agricultural production and plant species that will improve environmental health and quality. Contracts for land enrolled in CRP are 10–15 years in length. The long-term goal of the program is to re-establish valuable land cover to help improve water quality, prevent soil erosion, and reduce loss of wildlife habitat.

<b>Organization</b>	U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) Farm Service Agency (FSA)
<b>Resource Type</b>	Other
<b>Type of Assistance</b>	Financial Assistance, Technical Assistance, Education and Outreach
<b>Eligible Applicants</b>	<p>To be eligible for CRP enrollment, a farmer must have owned or operated the land for at least 12 months prior to the previous CRP sign-up period. Exceptions to this rule include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Land acquired by the new owner due to the previous owner's death.</li> <li>▪ Change in ownership due to foreclosure.</li> <li>▪ Land that was purchased by the new owner without the sole intention of placing it in CRP.</li> </ul> <p>To be eligible for placement in CRP, land must be either: Cropland (including field margins) that is planted to an agricultural commodity four of the previous six crop years from 2008 to 2013, and which is physically and legally capable of being planted in a normal manner to an agricultural commodity; or certain marginal pastureland that is suitable for use as a riparian buffer or for similar water quality purposes.</p>
<b>Activity Guidance</b>	<p>For general sign-up, land also must meet one of the following criteria:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Have a weighted average erosion index of eight or higher.</li> <li>▪ Be enrolled in a CRP contract that expires Sept. 30.</li> <li>▪ Be located in a national or state CRP conservation priority area.</li> </ul>
<b>Available Funding</b>	N/A
<b>Cost Sharing</b>	N/A
<b>Grant Cycle</b>	Annual; Enrollment periods will be announced
<b>Website</b>	<a href="https://www.fsa.usda.gov/programs-and-services/conservation-programs/conservation-reserve-program/">https://www.fsa.usda.gov/programs-and-services/conservation-programs/conservation-reserve-program/</a>
<b>Contact</b>	Local Farm Service Agency (FSA) office



**FOR:**  
Individual



**PRE-/POST-DISASTER:**  
Pre-Disaster



**FOCUS:**  
Conservation, Water

## ECOSYSTEM INVESTMENT PARTNERS

**OVERVIEW:** Ecosystem Investment Partners invests in large-scale ecological restoration projects, using private conservation finance capital to invest in local mitigation projects.

<b>Organization</b>	Ecosystem Investment Partners
<b>Resource Type</b>	Other
<b>Type of Assistance</b>	Technical Assistance
<b>Eligible Applicants</b>	N/A
<b>Activity Guidance</b>	N/A
<b>Available Funding</b>	N/A
<b>Cost Sharing</b>	N/A
<b>Grant Cycle</b>	N/A
<b>Website</b>	<a href="https://ecosystempartners.com/">https://ecosystempartners.com/</a>
<b>Contact</b>	<a href="mailto:info@ecosystempartners.com">info@ecosystempartners.com</a>



**FOR:**  
Local



**PRE-/POST-DISASTER:**  
Pre-Disaster



**FOCUS:**  
Conservation, Restoration,  
Water

## ECOSYSTEM RESTORATION

**OVERVIEW:** The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers has been authorized by Congress to perform ecosystem restoration in conjunction with water resource and related land resource issues. These services can be performed by seeking specific project authority or through the Continuing Authorities Program, aimed at smaller projects. Each of the programs requires a study (decision) process and a cost-share sponsor prior to a study or before implementation of a project.

<b>Organization</b>	U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE)
<b>Resource Type</b>	Technical
<b>Type of Assistance</b>	Financial Assistance
<b>Eligible Applicants</b>	Non-federal authority
<b>Activity Guidance</b>	USACE activities in ecosystem restoration concentrate on engineering solutions to water and related land resource problems. The principal focus is on those ecological resources and processes that are directly associated with the hydrology of the ecosystem and watershed.
<b>Available Funding</b>	The maximum federal expenditure per project is \$10 million, which includes both planning and construction costs.
<b>Cost Sharing</b>	Studies are accomplished at full federal expense up to \$100,000; remaining study costs are cost-shared 50/50; design and implementation costs are cost-shared 65% federal, 35% local sponsor.
<b>Grant Cycle</b>	N/A
<b>Website</b>	<a href="https://www.nae.usace.army.mil/Missions/Public-Services/Ecosystem-Restoration-Authorities/">https://www.nae.usace.army.mil/Missions/Public-Services/Ecosystem-Restoration-Authorities/</a>
<b>Contact</b>	Anastasiya Kononva at <a href="mailto:anastasiya.kononova@usace.army.mil">anastasiya.kononova@usace.army.mil</a>

**FOR:**

Local, State, Tribal

**PRE-/POST-DISASTER:**

Pre-Disaster

**FOCUS:**

Conservation, Water



## EMERGENCY FOREST RESTORATION PROGRAM

**OVERVIEW:** The Emergency Forest Restoration Program (EFRP) provides payments to eligible owners of nonindustrial private forest land to carry out emergency measures to restore land damaged by a natural disaster.

<b>Organization</b>	U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA)
<b>Resource Type</b>	Grant
<b>Type of Assistance</b>	Financial Assistance
<b>Eligible Applicants</b>	Only owners of nonindustrial private forests with tree cover existing before the natural disaster occurred are eligible to apply to EFRP. The land must be owned by a private individual, group, association, corporation or other private legal entity that has decision-making authority on the land and doesn't use the land for business purposes.
<b>Activity Guidance</b>	N/A
<b>Available Funding</b>	Funding for EFRP is determined by Congress. Up to 75% of the cost to implement emergency conservation practices can be provided; however, the final amount is determined by the committee reviewing the application. The FSA County Committee is able to approve applications up to \$50,000 while \$50,000 to \$100,000 requires state committee approval. Amounts over \$100,000 require the approval of the national FSA office. Additionally, a limit on payments of \$500,000 per person or entity per disaster applies.
<b>Cost Sharing</b>	Cost-share payments are: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Up to 75% of the cost to implement approved restoration practices.</li> <li>▪ Limited to \$500,000 per person or legal entity per disaster.</li> </ul>
<b>Grant Cycle</b>	N/A; Producers should inquire with their local FSA county office regarding EFRP enrollment periods and eligibility
<b>Website</b>	<a href="https://www.fsa.usda.gov/programs-and-services/disaster-assistance-program/emergency-forest-restoration/">https://www.fsa.usda.gov/programs-and-services/disaster-assistance-program/emergency-forest-restoration/</a>
<b>Contact</b>	Local FSA Office



**FOR:**  
Individual



**PRE-/POST-DISASTER:**  
Post-Disaster



**FOCUS:**  
Disaster Recovery, Forest

## ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY INCENTIVES PROGRAM

**OVERVIEW:** The Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP) provides financial and technical assistance to agricultural producers to address natural resource concerns and deliver environmental benefits such as improved water and air quality, conserved ground and surface water, increased soil health and reduced soil erosion and sedimentation, improved or created wildlife habitat, and mitigation against increasing weather volatility.

<b>Organization</b>	U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS)
<b>Resource Type</b>	Grant
<b>Type of Assistance</b>	Financial Assistance, Technical Assistance
<b>Eligible Applicants</b>	<p>EQIP applications will be accepted for all eligible lands and persons. Eligible land includes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Cropland and hayland,</li> <li>▪ Rangeland.</li> <li>▪ Pastureland.</li> <li>▪ Non-industrial private forestland.</li> <li>▪ Other farm or ranch lands.</li> <li>▪ Environmentally sensitive areas.</li> </ul> <p>Eligible person(s) include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Agricultural producers.</li> <li>▪ Owners of non-industrial private forestland.</li> <li>▪ Indian tribes.</li> <li>▪ Those with an interest in the agricultural or forestry operations.</li> <li>▪ Waste management entities.</li> </ul>
<b>Activity Guidance</b>	More information can be found here: <a href="https://www.nrcs.usda.gov/wps/portal/nrcs/detail/national/programs/financial/eqip/?cid=nrcseprd1342638">https://www.nrcs.usda.gov/wps/portal/nrcs/detail/national/programs/financial/eqip/?cid=nrcseprd1342638</a>
<b>Available Funding</b>	N/A
<b>Cost Sharing</b>	N/A
<b>Grant Cycle</b>	Annual
<b>Website</b>	<a href="https://www.nrcs.usda.gov/wps/portal/nrcs/main/national/programs/financial/eqip/">https://www.nrcs.usda.gov/wps/portal/nrcs/main/national/programs/financial/eqip/</a>
<b>Contact</b>	<p>Contacts available by county</p> <p><a href="https://offices.sc.egov.usda.gov/locator/app?service=page/CountyMap&amp;state=MT&amp;stateName=Montana&amp;stateCode=30">https://offices.sc.egov.usda.gov/locator/app?service=page/CountyMap&amp;state=MT&amp;stateName=Montana&amp;stateCode=30</a></p>



**FOR:**  
Individual, Tribal



**PRE-/POST-DISASTER:**  
Pre-Disaster



**FOCUS:**  
Conservation

## FIVE STAR AND URBAN WATERS RESTORATION GRANT PROGRAM

**OVERVIEW:** The Five Star and Urban Waters Restoration Program seeks to develop nationwide community stewardship of local natural resources, preserving these resources for future generations and enhancing habitat for local wildlife. Projects address water quality issues in priority watersheds, such as erosion due to unstable streambanks, pollution from stormwater runoff, and degraded shorelines caused by development.

<b>Organization</b>	National Fish and Wildlife Foundation
<b>Resource Type</b>	Grant
<b>Type of Assistance</b>	Financial Assistance
<b>Eligible Applicants</b>	Eligible applicants include nonprofit 501(c) organizations, state government agencies, local governments, municipal governments, Indian tribes, and educational institutions.
<b>Activity Guidance</b>	Information on restrictions can be found here: <a href="https://www.nfwf.org/programs/five-star-and-urban-waters-restoration-grant-program">https://www.nfwf.org/programs/five-star-and-urban-waters-restoration-grant-program</a>
<b>Available Funding</b>	Approximately \$1,500,000 is available nationwide for projects meeting program priorities. There is one round of full proposals annually for this program. Awards range from \$20,000 to \$50,000 with an average size of \$30,000 and 40–50 grants awarded per year.
<b>Cost Sharing</b>	Matching contributions consist of cash, contributed goods and services, volunteer hours, and/or property raised and spent for the project during the period of performance. Larger match ratios and matching fund contributions from a diversity of partners are encouraged and will be more competitive during application review.
<b>Grant Cycle</b>	Annual
<b>Website</b>	<a href="https://www.nfwf.org/programs/five-star-and-urban-waters-restoration-grant-program">https://www.nfwf.org/programs/five-star-and-urban-waters-restoration-grant-program</a>
<b>Contact</b>	Carrie Clingan at <a href="mailto:carrie.clingan@nfwf.org">carrie.clingan@nfwf.org</a> or Julian Fedorchuk at <a href="mailto:julian.fedorchuk@nfwf.org">julian.fedorchuk@nfwf.org</a>

**CASE STUDY:** Engaging Community Volunteers in the Stewardship of Public Lands in Southern Colorado  
 Grantee: Rocky Mountain Field Institute Empower youth and adult volunteers will play a hands-on role in the conservation and stewardship of public lands and open spaces in Southern Colorado and the Pikes Peak Region. The project will engage and educate 2,300 community volunteers to restore 200 acres through erosion control, hillslope stabilization and trail improvement projects.

**FOR:**

Local, State, Tribal, Nonprofit

**PRE-/POST-DISASTER:**

Pre-Disaster

**FOCUS:**

Water

## FOREST LEGACY PROGRAM

**OVERVIEW:** The purpose of the Forest Legacy Program (FLP) is to identify and conserve environmentally important forest areas that are threatened by conversion to non-forest uses. Providing economic incentives to landowners to keep their land as forests encourages sustainable forest management and supports strong markets for forest products.

Landowners may participate in the FLP by either selling their property outright or by retaining ownership and selling only a portion of the property's development rights; both are held by state agencies or another unit of government. The use of a conservation easement, a legal agreement between a landowner and a nonprofit land trust or governmental agency, allows the land to remain in private ownership while ensuring that its environmental values are retained.

The program is funded by the Land and Water Conservation Fund, which invests a small percentage of federal offshore drilling fees toward the conservation of important land, water, and recreation areas for all Americans.

<b>Organization</b>	U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) / U.S. Forest Service (USFS)
<b>Resource Type</b>	Purchase
<b>Type of Assistance</b>	Financial Assistance
<b>Eligible Applicants</b>	<p>A proposed project is eligible if it meets federal requirements as well as minimum eligibility:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ It is within, or partially within a designated FLA.</li> <li>▪ It has a minimum of 75% forestland or a documented plan that includes sufficient landowner capacity to reforest to at least 75% forestland.</li> <li>▪ It can be managed in a way that is consistent with the purpose for which it was acquired by FLP.</li> <li>▪ The landowner is willing to sell or donate the interest in perpetuity.</li> <li>▪ The landowner acknowledges that the conservation easement will be held by a government entity if federal funds are used for the acquisition.</li> </ul>
<b>Activity Guidance</b>	N/A
<b>Available Funding</b>	States can submit up to three projects, which cannot exceed \$10 million (individual projects cannot exceed \$7 million).
<b>Cost Sharing</b>	At least 25% of the total project cost
<b>Grant Cycle</b>	Annual
<b>Website</b>	<a href="https://www.fs.fed.us/managing-land/private-land/forest-legacy/program">https://www.fs.fed.us/managing-land/private-land/forest-legacy/program</a>
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**FOR:**  
Individual, State



**PRE-/POST-DISASTER:**  
Pre-Disaster



**FOCUS:**  
Conservation

## LANDSCAPE SCALE RESTORATION GRANT PROGRAM

**OVERVIEW:** The Landscape Scale Restoration Grant Program (formerly known as Competitive Redesign or “Comp” Grant) is delivered by a partnership between the USDA Forest Service State and Private Forestry and the Montana DNRC. The program is intended for implementation of watershed level, forest-based projects and activities which address the three state and private forestry national themes:

- Conserve and manage working forests.
- Protect forests from threats.
- Enhance public benefits from private forests.

<b>Organization</b>	Montana Department of Natural Resources and Conservation (DNRC)
<b>Resource Type</b>	Grant
<b>Type of Assistance</b>	Financial Assistance
<b>Eligible Applicants</b>	Eligible project partners include state agencies, nonprofit organizations, conservation districts, or county and municipal governments.
<b>Activity Guidance</b>	N/A
<b>Available Funding</b>	The maximum grant award is \$300,000.
<b>Cost Sharing</b>	N/A
<b>Grant Cycle</b>	N/A
<b>Website</b>	<a href="http://dnrc.mt.gov/divisions/forestry/forestry-assistance/forest-stewardship/landscape-scale-restoration-competitive-grants">http://dnrc.mt.gov/divisions/forestry/forestry-assistance/forest-stewardship/landscape-scale-restoration-competitive-grants</a>
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**FOR:**  
State, Local, Nonprofit



**PRE-/POST-DISASTER:**  
Pre-Disaster



**FOCUS:**  
Conservation

## HAZARDOUS FUELS REDUCTION GRANT PROGRAM

**OVERVIEW:** The Hazardous Fuels Reduction Grant Program is intended to reduce the risk of wildland fire and catastrophic losses to resources and property in high-priority areas, which may result from a wildland fire encroaching from adjacent National Forest System (NFS) lands. Landowners are encouraged to be proactive to address hazardous fuel conditions on their property, reduce the ignition potential within their home ignition zone, and employ wildfire resilient principles to sustain a fire adapted home, property, and community.

<b>Organization</b>	Montana Department of Natural Resources and Conservation (DNRC)
<b>Resource Type</b>	Grant
<b>Type of Assistance</b>	Financial Assistance
<b>Eligible Applicants</b>	Eligible applicants include nonprofits, county or municipal governments, community groups, conservation organizations, homeowners associations, non-federal land management agencies.
<b>Activity Guidance</b>	<p>Projects funded under this program must meeting the following intent:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Projects shall protect communities within the WUI when prescribed fire is planned on NFS lands that have the potential to place such communities at risk.</li> <li>▪ Projects shall be identified within a specific geographic boundary, aligning treatments across neighboring properties to maximize benefits of project activities (e.g., a subdivision or neighborhood, small watershed, topographic delineation, or another common factor).</li> <li>▪ Projects should maximize benefits across landscapes, leverage resources, and achieve objectives at the best value possible.</li> <li>▪ Project initiation must be in advance and within three years of planned hazardous fuels reduction activities on adjacent NFS lands.</li> </ul>
<b>Available Funding</b>	Each grant request is limited to a maximum of \$50,000.
<b>Cost Sharing</b>	These funds require a 25% match, calculated as a percentage of total grant funds requested. Generally, the match should be met by the landowners through cash or in-kind contributions towards the completion of the hazardous fuels reduction project.
<b>Grant Cycle</b>	Ongoing; Proposals are reviewed quarterly
<b>Website</b>	<a href="http://dnrc.mt.gov/divisions/forestry/docs/assistance/stewardship/hazardous-fuels-reduction-grant-program-rfp">http://dnrc.mt.gov/divisions/forestry/docs/assistance/stewardship/hazardous-fuels-reduction-grant-program-rfp</a>
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**FOR:**  
Individual, Nonprofit



**PRE-/POST-DISASTER:**  
Pre-Disaster



**FOCUS:**  
Wildfire

## MAKI FOUNDATION GRANT

**OVERVIEW:** The foundation supports organizations working to improve public lands policy, protect biological diversity, and defend wildlands. The foundation looks for organizations and projects where modest support can make a significant contribution. The majority of successful applicants for Maki grants are small local and regional grassroots organizations working to protect public lands and rivers from threats such as mineral development, unconstrained off-road vehicle use, and poorly planned water projects.

<b>Organization</b>	Maki Foundation
<b>Resource Type</b>	Grant
<b>Type of Assistance</b>	Financial Assistance
<b>Eligible Applicants</b>	Awards are generally made to nonprofit organizations. The geographic area of interest includes New Mexico, Colorado, Utah, Idaho, Wyoming, and Montana.
<b>Activity Guidance</b>	At this time, the foundation's priorities are as follows: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Wilderness and wildlands protection</li> <li>▪ River and wetlands conservation</li> <li>▪ Biological diversity conservation</li> <li>▪ Public lands management</li> </ul>
<b>Available Funding</b>	Grants usually range from \$1,000 to \$5,000.
<b>Cost Sharing</b>	N/A
<b>Grant Cycle</b>	Annual; Application period closes in spring
<b>Website</b>	<a href="http://www.makifoundation.org/index.html">http://www.makifoundation.org/index.html</a>
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**FOR:**  
Individual, Nonprofit



**PRE-/POST-DISASTER:**  
Pre-Disaster



**FOCUS:**  
Resilience

## RANGELAND IMPROVEMENT LOAN PROGRAM

**OVERVIEW:** The Rangeland Improvement Loan Program was started in 1979 as part of the Rangeland Resource Program (MCA 76-14-111). It makes low-interest loans available to Montana’s farmers and ranchers for rangeland improvements and development and provides low-interest loans as an incentive for private landowners to undertake range improvement practices.

<b>Organization</b>	Montana Department of Natural Resources and Conservation (DNRC)
<b>Resource Type</b>	Loan
<b>Type of Assistance</b>	Financial Assistance
<b>Eligible Applicants</b>	Private landowner
<b>Activity Guidance</b>	N/A
<b>Available Funding</b>	Up to \$100,000 at 2.5% interest for 10 years.
<b>Cost Sharing</b>	N/A
<b>Grant Cycle</b>	Ongoing
<b>Website</b>	<a href="http://dnrc.mt.gov/divisions/cadd/rangeland-resource-program/range-improvement-loan-program">http://dnrc.mt.gov/divisions/cadd/rangeland-resource-program/range-improvement-loan-program</a>
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**FOR:**  
Individual



**PRE-/POST-DISASTER:**  
Pre-Disaster



**FOCUS:**  
Agriculture



## RECLAMATION AND DEVELOPMENT GRANTS PROGRAM

**OVERVIEW:** The Reclamation and Development Grants Program (RDGP) is a legislatively appropriated grant program designed to fund projects that indemnify Montana citizens for the effects of mineral development of public resources and that meet other crucial state needs, serving the public interest and the total environment of the people of Montana.

<b>Organization</b>	Montana Department of Natural Resources and Conservation
<b>Resource Type</b>	Grant
<b>Type of Assistance</b>	Financial Assistance
<b>Eligible Applicants</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Cities, counties or other political subdivisions</li> <li>▪ Tribal governments in Montana</li> <li>▪ Divisions of state government (departments, agencies, boards, commissions)</li> </ul>
<b>Activity Guidance</b>	<p>Project goals and objectives must achieve at least one of the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Reclaim land, water, or other resources adversely affected by mineral development.</li> <li>▪ Mitigation damage to public resources caused by mineral development.</li> <li>▪ Research, demonstrate, or provide technical assistance to promote the wise use of Montana minerals, including efforts to make processing more environmentally compatible.</li> <li>▪ Investigate and remediate sites where hazardous wastes or regulated substances threaten public health or the environment.</li> </ul>
<b>Available Funding</b>	<p>Project grants: up to \$500,000</p> <p>Planning grants: up to \$50,000</p>
<b>Cost Sharing</b>	N/A
<b>Grant Cycle</b>	Biennial
<b>Website</b>	<a href="http://dnrc.mt.gov/divisions/cardd/resource-development/reclamation-and-development-grants-program">http://dnrc.mt.gov/divisions/cardd/resource-development/reclamation-and-development-grants-program</a>
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**FOR:**

Local, State, Tribal

**PRE-/POST-DISASTER:**

Pre-Disaster

**FOCUS:**

Mining

## RIVERS, TRAILS, AND CONSERVATION ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

**OVERVIEW:** The National Park Service (NPS) Rivers, Trails, and Conservation Assistance program supports community-led natural resource conservation and outdoor recreation projects across the nation. NPS's national network of conservation and recreation planning professionals partner with community groups, nonprofits, tribes, and state and local governments to design trails and parks, conserve and improve access to rivers, protect special places, and create recreation opportunities.

<b>Organization</b>	National Park Service (NPS)
<b>Resource Type</b>	Multiple
<b>Type of Assistance</b>	Technical Assistance, Education/Outreach
<b>Eligible Applicants</b>	Project applicants may be state and local agencies, tribes, nonprofit organizations, or citizen groups. National parks and other federal agencies may apply in partnership with other local organizations.
<b>Activity Guidance</b>	Applicants are evaluated based on select criteria which can be found here <a href="https://www.nps.gov/orgs/rtca/upload/NPS-RTCA-Application-Form.pdf">https://www.nps.gov/orgs/rtca/upload/NPS-RTCA-Application-Form.pdf</a> .
<b>Available Funding</b>	N/A
<b>Cost Sharing</b>	N/A
<b>Grant Cycle</b>	Annual; Application period open October through February
<b>Website</b>	<a href="https://www.nps.gov/orgs/rtca/index.htm">https://www.nps.gov/orgs/rtca/index.htm</a>
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**FOR:**

Local, State, Tribal, Nonprofit

**PRE-/POST-DISASTER:**

Pre-Disaster

**FOCUS:**

Conservation

## SECTION 404 OF THE CLEAN WATER ACT – COMPENSATORY MITIGATION

**OVERVIEW:** In 2008, the EPA and the USACE jointly promulgated regulations revising and clarifying requirements regarding compensatory mitigation. According to these regulations, compensatory mitigation means the restoration (re-establishment or rehabilitation), establishment (creation), enhancement, and/or in certain circumstances, preservation of wetlands, streams, and other aquatic resources for the purposes of offsetting unavoidable adverse impacts that remain after all appropriate and practicable avoidance and minimization has been achieved.

Under the regulations, there are three mechanisms for providing compensatory mitigation (listed in order of preference as established by the regulations): mitigation banks, in-lieu fee programs, and permittee-responsible mitigation.

<b>Organization</b>	U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers
<b>Resource Type</b>	Multiple
<b>Type of Assistance</b>	Financial Assistance, Technical Assistance
<b>Eligible Applicants</b>	Non-federal authority
<b>Activity Guidance</b>	More information on restrictions and use of the funds can be found in Section 404 (b)(1) Guidance, located here: <a href="https://www.epa.gov/sites/production/files/2015-03/documents/cwa_section404b1_guidelines_40cfr230_july2010.pdf">https://www.epa.gov/sites/production/files/2015-03/documents/cwa_section404b1_guidelines_40cfr230_july2010.pdf</a> .
<b>Available Funding</b>	N/A
<b>Cost Sharing</b>	N/A
<b>Grant Cycle</b>	N/A
<b>Website</b>	<a href="https://www.epa.gov/cwa-404/compensatory-mitigation">https://www.epa.gov/cwa-404/compensatory-mitigation</a>
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**FOR:**

Local, State, Tribal

**PRE-/POST-DISASTER:**

Pre-Disaster

**FOCUS:**

Conservation, Water

## URBAN WATERS SMALL GRANTS

**OVERVIEW:** Since its inception in 2012, the Urban Waters Small Grants Program has awarded approximately \$6.6 million in grants to 114 organizations across the country and in Puerto Rico. The grants are competed and awarded every two years, with individual award amounts of up to \$60,000.

Healthy and accessible urban waters can help grow local businesses and enhance educational, recreational, social and employment opportunities in nearby communities. Urban Waters Small Grants are expanding communities' ability to engage in activities that improve water quality in a way that also advances community priorities.

Improving urban waters requires various levels of government and local stakeholders (community residents, local businesses, etc.) to work together in developing effective and long-term solutions with multiple benefits. EPA supports and empowers communities, especially in underserved areas, who are working on solutions to address multiple community needs and fostering successful collaborative partnerships.

<b>Organization</b>	U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
<b>Resource Type</b>	Grant
<b>Type of Assistance</b>	Financial Assistance
<b>Eligible Applicants</b>	Eligible applicants include states, local governments, Indian tribes, public and private universities and colleges, public or private nonprofit institutions/ organizations, intertribal consortia, and interstate agencies.
<b>Activity Guidance</b>	<p>In general, projects should be the following four program objectives:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Address local water quality issues related to urban runoff pollution;</li> <li>▪ Provide additional community benefits;</li> <li>▪ Actively engage underserved communities; and</li> <li>▪ Foster partnership.</li> </ul>
<b>Available Funding</b>	Individual awards up to \$60,000.
<b>Cost Sharing</b>	N/A
<b>Grant Cycle</b>	Biennial
<b>Website</b>	<a href="https://www.epa.gov/urbanwaters/urban-waters-small-grants#main-content">https://www.epa.gov/urbanwaters/urban-waters-small-grants#main-content</a>
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### FOR:

Local, State, Tribal, Nonprofit



### PRE-/POST-DISASTER:

Post-Disaster



### FOCUS:

Water Quality

## WETLAND MITIGATION BANKING PROGRAM

**OVERVIEW:** The Wetlands Mitigation Banking Program (WMBP) is used to help establish wetland mitigation banks to help producers meet their wetland conservation compliance responsibilities needed to maintain eligibility for many USDA programs administered by the FSA and NRCS. WMBP is also used to maintain eligibility for the federal crop insurance premium subsidy administered by the Risk Management Agency.

<b>Organization</b>	U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS)
<b>Resource Type</b>	Credit
<b>Type of Assistance</b>	Financial Assistance
<b>Eligible Applicants</b>	Tribal nations, state, and local units of government, and nongovernmental organizations (NGOs), including for-profit NGOs.
<b>Activity Guidance</b>	N/A
<b>Available Funding</b>	N/A
<b>Cost Sharing</b>	N/A
<b>Grant Cycle</b>	N/A
<b>Website</b>	<a href="https://www.nrcs.usda.gov/wps/portal/nrcs/detailfull/national/programs/farmbill/?cid=nrcseprd362686">https://www.nrcs.usda.gov/wps/portal/nrcs/detailfull/national/programs/farmbill/?cid=nrcseprd362686</a>
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**FOR:**

Local, State, Tribal, NGOs

**PRE-/POST-DISASTER:**

Pre-Disaster

**FOCUS:**

Conservation



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